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CAPTURED A SUPPOSED TRAIN ROBBER.

A 7-Year-Old Boy Killed While Playing in a School Room by a Heavy Desk Falling Upon Him.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 18.—William T. Cash, a farmer and an itinerant horse trader, shot and almost instantly killed Ed T. Young at the corner of Main and Field streets Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. As he fired four bullets into the body of Young the slayer exclaimed: "He has debauched my wife and ruined my children and I killed him." The killing occurred when the street was crowded with people. There were no preliminaries, no fight, no scuffling. It all occurred in the space of a minute. When shot Young was walking across the street and the killing occurred in the center of the avenue. Passers by heard four shots in rapid succession, one louder than the rest, and above it all they heard the cry, "For God's sake don't kill me." They turned and saw Young lying in the street, his blood staining the pavement and forming a little pool around his head. Over the body stood the slayer with a smoking pistol in each hand. He was standing as straight as an arrow, not a muscle of his swarthy face twitching. For a half second the gathering crowd paused for fear the slayer might do further violence. Four or five then came forward, picked up Young, whose life-blood was fast ebbing away, and started over to a drug store, but before reaching it Young was dead. The man who did the killing said: "My name is W. T. Cash and my home was for many years at McKinney, Lincoln county, Ky., but I have no home now and am an itinerant mule-trader. Farming is my calling and I followed it until Ed Young ruined my life and broke up my family."

A Gold and Silver Find.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Feb. 16.—There is great excitement near Hardy, Montague county, in the Willa Walla hills, twenty miles east of this city, on account of the discovery of a number of rich leads of gold and silver ore. Some time last December Capt. A. P. Cagle of St. Jo of that county sent a number of specimens of the mineral to St. Louis to be assayed and a few days ago he was informed that the quartz contained rich deposits of gold, lead, zinc and antimony, since which news he has negotiated a lease with a gold and silver mining company from Colorado, and will proceed to mining in the near future. The machinery and men will be on the grounds in a few weeks. The vein in the ledge is six feet wide and will assay $400 to the ton, besides lead, etc. Coal is found under the ledge of silver, the vein being thirty-seven inches thick, underlaid with nickel, gold and magnetic iron ore. From all information the mineral rod works with great power, one man being unable to hold it. Capt. Cagle's place is a solid bed of silver ore and the company who have it leased say it is richer than Nevada or Birmingham mines and they will have 1000 hands at work before spring is gone. Silver was first discovered here eight years ago by a prospector from the Australian gold fields and some one or two tons of the ore taken out, but never tested until December last. Now work will be begun and the mine fully developed. A city will be laid out at once on the divide between Clear creek and Willa Walla.

Drowned His Betrothed.

RICHMOND, Tex., Feb. 14.—A negro named Pete Jenkins killed a negro girl in the northern part of the county last Saturday. Jenkins was to be married to his victim and had everything prepared. Becoming jealous of his betrothed he ended all doubts by throwing her into a lake and sitting on her body until she was dead. Jenkins is 5 feet 10 inches tall, very black and has two upper teeth which makes his upper lip protrude. Detective Phillip was promptly on hand with blood hounds but Jenkins had several hours start and could not be apprehended.

A Boy's Skull Crushed.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 18.—Monday afternoon the 7-year-old son of Mr. Tobe Dixon, while playing with other children at the Seventh ward school house met with an accident that resulted in death Monday night. The children were romping in the school room and in some way one of the heavy school desks was overturned, and in falling it caught young Dixon underneath, the full weight of the desk falling on his head, crushing the skull. The little fellow was unconscious from the moment the accident occurred until he died.

Supposed Train Robber.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 18.—State Rangers P. S. Coy and Bud Rider yesterday brought to the jail here a Mexican by the name of Valdez, who is supposed to be one of the Brownsville train robbers. The capture was effected at Alice, and the rangers are confident that they have one of the gang. Valdez was turned over to Deputy United States Marshal Blair yesterday, who will take his prisoner to San Antonio to-day.

It Went Off Accidentally.

STEPHENVILLE, Tex., Feb. 17.—Saturday evening Claude McCorkle, aged 12, and a companion, Frank Neblett, were gunning on the outskirts of the town. By some means, which the boys say they cannot explain, young Neblett's gun fired, filling Claude McCorkle with a plentiful supply of bird shot. The little fellow's legs, arms and face were all struck but fortunately none entered his body. The wounds are not regarded as dangerous.

A Horrible Death.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Feb. 13.—James Newton, a brakeman on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, met a horrible death at a small station near here Wednesday night. One arm was cut off and the other was mashed into a jelly. His head and chest were a mass of pulp. No one who had known the deceased could possibly recognize the mangled body. Several cars had passed over it.

City Dads Arrested.

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 13.—Mayor Sims and the board of aldermen were placed under arrest by City Marshal Mowell Mayes yesterday upon a warrant issued by M. S. McJunkin, city attorney, for violating the fire ordinance of the city. Mayor Sims says in explanation that Mr. John Henry, who is the owner of Henry's opera house, petitioned the council for permission to erect a two-story gallery and to cover the roof, ends and sides with tin or sheet iron, and that when the question came up for action before the council unanimous consent was given. Mr. Henry thereupon proceeded to build his gallery and to place studding on the ends and front or side, and was proceeding to place window frames in the sides when the city attorney protested against this violation of the fire ordinance. Upon a careful reading of the petition for the work the council found that they had all been mistaken in the character of the work to be done, but refused to interfere as the work had progressed so far. Then the city attorney filed complaints as above stated, and the case will be tried to-day. Mr. Henry wants more room, and by this means will place his dressing rooms over the street in the second gallery.

A WILD RIDE.

Forced to Kill the Runaway Horses in Order to Save His Life.

PARIS, Tex., Feb. 14.—Deputy Marshal Tom Smith returned here yesterday from the territory and tells of a thrilling experience of his a few nights ago. He and Deputy Marshal Booker were driving across the prairie between midnight and day. In crossing a ditch Booker, who was driving, pitched head first over the dashboard on the ground. The horses became frightened and ran. Smith was in the buggy helpless, as the lines had fallen outside. He had no knowledge of the country and did not know what moment he would go over a precipice or into a barbed wire. He was afraid to jump lest he should break his neck or a limb. So he leveled his Winchester and began firing at the horses and three or four shots brought them down. Booker was slightly bruised. The horses cost Smith $150 apiece, but he got the man he started after.

A Big Blaze.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Feb. 13.—Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning the people of the city were aroused from their slumbers by the ringing of bells, blowing whistles, etc., which are used as fire alarms. The fire had originated in a lumber shop which had been vacated during the day by some colored barbers being ejected from it by officers of the law, and spread from the building to two adjoining hotels, the Commercial, owned and run by Mrs. Cobler, and the Hotel Wichita, owned by a Sherman man. From these the railroad hotel and the new five-story Windsor hotel both caught and were soon burned to the ground. The railroad hotel was the property of President Morgan Jones of the Fort Worth and Denver, and the Windsor was owned by Capt. Thompkins of this city. These four hotels were all near the depot and were usually crowded with boarders and lodgers, a great many of the railroad boys boarding at them. But little of their contents were saved as they burned very rapidly, but so far as can be ascertained all the guests made their escape from the buildings, most of whom saved their personal effects.

Suicided While Shopping.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 17.—At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Albert C. Dutton, aged 44, died sitting in a chair in a retail dealers' place on Austin avenue. An empty bottle labeled morphia sulphas, found near him, appears to be an index to the cause of his death. Albert C. Dutton was a bachelor. His brother, George H. Dutton, committed suicide with morphine four years ago. They were the sons of George B. Dutton, the first contractor to build a house in the city of Waco. Both were addicted to settled melancholy amounting to mania at times, and in these moods both, it is thought, died. An inquest held by Justice Harrison yesterday settled the point as to Albert C. Dutton, who died yesterday.

Another Tragedy at Kerens.

CORSICANA, Tex., Feb. 16.—Kerens, a small town sixteen miles east of here in this county, was again the scene of a tragedy Saturday. J. M. Stubblefield, at the time he was shot by Dr. Henry Carroll of Long Prairie in Smith & Coates' saloon. J. M. Stubblefield, at the time he was shot, was held under a $2000 bond to the district court for the murder of Charlie Hunt last summer and was regarded as a dangerous man. He now lies in a comatose state at the McLear hotel with four pistol wounds in the back of his head. Physicians say he cannot live. It was reported here yesterday that Stubblefield died at 5 p. m.

Blood in His Eye.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 14.—S. J. Mings of Gatesville, president of the Gatesville National bank, who has been published in numerous papers in this and other states as a defaulter, is here en route from California to Gatesville, and will leave to-day. Figuratively speaking he has blood in his eye and he will be heard from later on. One of the first persons he inquired for after arriving in the city from the west was L. B. Imboden. "I have been reading in the papers about him," he said, "and I want to shake him by the hand."

Shot His Two Brothers.

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 16.—A shotgun loaded with bird shot was accidentally discharged Saturday by Cain Anderson, 8 years of age. The load passed through the left fore arm of Jewell, his brother, who is 6 years old, and into the back of Richard, another brother 12 years of age. The latter lived only about two hours. His right lung was pierced with the full charge. They are the sons of R. M. Anderson.

Pistol Play.

CLEBURNE, Tex., Feb. 14.—Charles Higdon of Grandview was brought to Cleburne and placed in jail to answer a charge of assault with intent to kill. He became involved in a difficulty with some party in Grandview and drew his pistol. The other party grabbed him and a scuffle ensued in which Higdon's pistol was discharged, shooting off his own finger.

Deserted and in Want.

NAVASOTA, Tex., Feb. 17.—Flora Vaughan, a negro 78 years old, made an attempt at suicide, cutting her throat from ear to ear with a razor. Dr. Peebles sewed up the wound but she is not expected to live. She was deserted by her children and was in want.

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Wheat looks well in Fisher county.

Wheat near Hico is in fine condition.

Wheat is looking fine in Nolan county.

LaGrange is after waterworks and electric lights.

Work has commenced on the Santa Fe railway hospital at Temple.

The strawberry crop in the vicinity of Alvin looks very promising.

T. C. Rudy of Rockwall has been arrested on a charge of malpractice.

A stage line has been established between Henrietta and Archer City.

Twenty miles of electric street railway are now in operation at Galveston.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Rhome, Wise county, is looking well.

The $4000 college building at West, McLennan county, is nearing completion.

Recent rains have seriously retarded preparations for the new crop in Wharton county.

Sherman has found the requisite number of people and will now get her new charter.

Collin county farmers are behind with their work on account of continued wet weather.

El Paso is soon to have a tannery which will give employment to 100 men and will cost $25,000.

Six prisoners confined in the jail at Henderson recently overpowered the jailer and escaped.

A canning factory, soap factory, steam laundry and butter factory are all early certainties for Cuero.

St. Mary's institute at Palestine has opened under the direction of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Nineteen hundred head of cattle are now feeding at their pens near Cuero preparatory to shipment.

The Denison city council has accepted the bid of $23,000 for the erection of three new ward school houses.

A national bank will begin operations at Mineola on the 1st of March with a paid up capital of $50,000.

The excavations have been made and the walls of Vernon's handsome Masonic temple are now under way.

A bank and a block of brick business houses in the near future is the cheering news for the citizens of Midlothian.

It is estimated that $2000 worth of sheep have been killed by wolves in the vicinity of Hico during the past year.

Hill county will make a stubborn resistance against being dismembered to form the so-called new county of Ross.

The business men of Greenville are petitioning for more light. The capacity of the electric light plant will be increased.

The Cuero oil mill has met with great success we first season of its existence. A nice dividend will be declared.

There is soon to be erected at Moody, McLennan county, a two-story brick and stone building with a frontage of 130 feet.

George D. Russell, a brakeman, was run over and killed at Yoakum a few days ago. The body was horribly mangled.

The Red river toll bridge at Denison is assuming shape. The north buttress on the Territory side has already been completed.

Final arrangements looking to the erection of the seamless bag factory at Sherman are completed and the enterprise is assured.

A most serious and dignified circle of ladies met at Fort Worth recently to secure better laws for the protection of little girls.

Sulphur Springs is advertising for bids for the construction of waterworks, a complete system of sewerage and an electric light plant.

Comanche county farmers have not been much deterred from their farm work by the rain and are much encouraged by the outlook.

Work has commenced at Colorado City on the magnificent plate glass front two-story brick building of the Colorado Commercial club.

It is said that the building improvements alone, which have been made at Seymour since May 1, 1890, will aggregate $500,000.

Work on the new stone hotel at Hallettsville will be commenced immediately. The entire building will be of the white Muldoon stone.

The block which was donated to Eddy for a public park is now being laid out in walks and planted with ornamental shrubs and flowers.

Elish Shaw, aged 70, committed suicide at Whitesboro a few days since by taking laudanum. The cause was some unknown family trouble.

An immense sugar farm is to be put in operation in Jackson county the coming season. When fully equipped the farm will be valued at over $40,000.

An organization is in a state of formation at Galveston for the purpose of constructing a sugar refinery in the city with a capacity of 700 barrels per day.

A safety deposit company has been organized at Fort Worth with a capital of $100,000. This is the first company of the kind doing business in the state.

Extensive prairie fires have been raging throughout the western part of Hale and Swisher counties the past few days and thousands of acres of range have been destroyed.

A negro boy named Shields, 15 years of age, was accidentally shot and killed at Galveston recently with a 22-caliber target rifle in the hands of one of his companions.

William Green, an old man supposed to be wealthy and who lived alone, was found dead on his farm recently near LaGrange. Rats had eaten out his eyes and tongue.

A band of Mexicans visited Jim Cline's ranch about forty-one miles south of Marfa, a few nights since while the Cline family were asleep and fired several volleys into the house. Jim and his brother Rufe returned the fire, when the Mexicans decamped in the direction of the Rio Grande.

The prospects for a fine wheat crop in Hardeman county are good. Unless something unforeseen happens the recent heavy rains and snows will occasion a heavy yield.

The furnaces of Fort Worth's mammoth brewery have been satisfactorily tested and the machinery is now nearly all in place. Operations will begin in earnest early in March.

While Will Wilson was abusing Aaron Franklin recently at Houston the latter sprang upon Wilson and disemboweled him before he could be prevented. Franklin escaped.

The pesthouse at Palestine was recently saturated with oil, set on fire and destroyed. W. D. Small, John Meagher and a man named Scruggs have been arrested for the crime.

At a recent meeting in Sherman of the Grayson county bar the members were unanimously in favor of asking the legislature to make a separate judicial district of Grayson county.

The lifeless body of Jim Massey, a negro, was found on Rogers' bridge, near Jefferson, a few mornings ago. It is supposed that his death was caused from intoxication and exposure.

Precilla Hernandez has been jailed at San Antonio for having cruelly assaulted a 15-year-old girl. The victim of the brutal lust of Hernandez was his wife's daughter by a former marriage.

During the progress of a ball at Wesley a few nights ago Palashek was assaulted by Louis Walenta and his two brothers, the former stabbing Palashek through the lungs and fatally wounding him.

Steven Waltziarzick, a boy 17 years old, was shot through the neck at San Antonio a few days ago by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a companion. Waltziarzick may die.

Some time ago a passenger train on the the Rio Grande division of the Texas and Pacific road killed three turkeys belonging to a farmer, when he immediately brought suit against the company for the $3.50.

Joe Jones of Georgia, brother of "your Uncle Sam," has begun a protracted meeting at Sherman. He was detained for some time by the trial of his father, Charlie, who recently killed a negro in Georgia.

The state of Texas has entered suit against the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and Missouri, Kansas and Texas roads at Alvord for $20,000 damages in each case for not building a union depot at the above place.

The trustees of the Waco Female college have decided to accept the $30,000 offer from the Lone Star Cotton Picker company for their grounds. Part of the school building will be remodeled for the manufactory.

A difficulty occurred recently near Farmersville, in which Porter Young and George Davis were the participants, firearms being used. Davis received a wound through the arm and across the back of the head.

William Janvett, for two years past driver of engine No. 2 of the San Antonio fire department, recently drew $50 and disappeared. Foul play is almost certainty, as his friends have searched the city without success.

A Mexican was taken out and lynched a few nights ago at Knickerbocker by three unknown men for seducing a ranchman's daughter, but it afterward developed that they had strung up the wrong party through mistake.

About six weeks ago J. A. Hale, contractor at the Duroc stone quarry, near Ranger, killed a Mexican in self-defense. A few days ago the Mexican's brother hunted Hale up and attacked him with a knife, when he was slain also.

The bridge over Pease river is about completed and will be ready to be turned over to the county in a few days. It is a magnificent structure and bears every indication of standing the inroads of time and the roar and rush of the waters.

While Bernard, a Stuckenburg, was returning home from San Antonio a few days ago he was thrown from his wagon by the horses running away, and becoming entangled in the lines was dragged several miles and horribly mutilated.

The success of the artesian well at Cleburne has settled the water question. The mains are being laid down from the well and the machinery will be put in place at once. Another well will be bored to the same depth as the last one.

The Lometa Educational society of Lometa, Lampasas county, has received a charter for the establishment of a $10,000 college, which is to be built the ensuing summer. It is to be known as Lea college, and is to be complete in every department.

While the Heiman family were down looking at the recent trades display parade at Galveston the residence was entered and an old trunk in the attic was rifled of $4300 in greenbacks, which Mrs. Heiman had drawn from the bank a few days before.

While in an intoxicated condition at Houston recently Tom O'Connor, an engineer on the Southern Pacific, slipped up behind a fellow engineer named Richard Nave and, without a word of warning, slashed him across the throat with a razor. Nave cannot live.

It is reported from Brownsville that Mrs. McCabe, who assassinated County Judge Stein of Hidalgo county at a Mexican fiesta some time ago and then stood off the officers who attempted her arrest, has escaped jail at Matamoras. Just how she escaped is not known.

County Assessor Allen Drake was seriously bitten at Denison a few days ago by a vicious bulldog while making his rounds in the northern part of the city. The dog held on and lacerated the unfortunate man's limbs in a terrible manner before he could be beaten off.

The Waco Water and Power company is preparing to dam the Bosque river and build storage lakes. The company already has a reservoir containing 25,000,000 gallons. It expects to double its capacity and supply water largely for motors, farm and garden irrigation and stock purposes.

During the absence of Mr. Robbins of Collingsworth his young son felt at liberty to take his six-shooter out for a little fun. While using the weapon very freely about town the boy took for his target a fine bird dog. His father now has a case of "pistol-toting" in the courts and a $100 dog to settle for.

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Foreign Flashes Across the Wave Rife with News of National Moment from Other Lands.

DOMESTIC.

Hog cholera prevails about Elkhart, Ind.

A Mormon revival is in progress at Carthage, Ill.

The gunboat Concord has been formally accepted by the government.

Pinkeye is afflicting people in various portions of Hancock county, Illinois.

Ida Carman, was found dead beside a railroad track at Dowagiac, Mich., recently.

John Thompson was killed at Fort Wayne, Ind., recently while examining a revolver.

Mrs. John Seymour was fatally injured in a runaway at Jackson, Mich., a few days ago.

George W. Cooper, a former preacher, has been arrested for forgery at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

John Newlin of Plainfield, Ind., was recently thrown from a high derrick and fatally injured.

Near Stryker, Ind., recently, E. B. Myers, a brakeman, fell under the train and was killed.

Mme. Agusta Berg, a Swedish artist, recently committed suicide at New York with morphine.

Julius Hurojd, indicted for attempted bribery of Kansas City, Mo., aldermen, has been acquitted.

The Oregon house has passed a bill appropriating $50,000 for Oregon's exhibit at the World's fair.

The sale of the Dayton, Fort Wayne and Chicago road has been confirmed in court at Dayton, O.

City Marshal George Wells was fatally shot in a recent fight with negro raftsmen at Junction City, Ky.

A bill increasing to $100 per month the pension to the widow of General Custer has passed the house.

The explosion of a boiler in Giles' steam sawmill, near Reidsville, Ga., recently killed six men.

The city poorhouse at Waterville, Me., burned a few days ago and a demented girl perished in the flames.

Helena, Ala., was swept by a cyclone recently, several buildings being wrecked. Three persons were wounded.

George W. Simonds, aged 75 years, fell from a load of hay and broke his neck at Logansport, Ind., a few days ago.

Ten of the most desperate characters in the Indian Territory have been captured and taken to Ardmore in irons.

Gilbert Thompson recently committed suicide at Amherst, Wis., by holding his head under the water in a slop barrel.

Two boys, aged 10 and 12 years, who were found near Ulen, Minn., a few days ago.

Clem Yoe, a school teacher of Morgan county, Ind., is charged by David Bluuk with attempted criminal assault on his wife.

A bill to pension school teachers has been introduced in the Illinois house by Mr. Morris, the colored member from Chicago.

The 4-year-old daughter of William Grimes, at Guthrie, O. T., recently set the house on fire and burned her mother to death.

J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway system, has become backer of the Pacific Short Line, and will push it to completion.

The weavers in the Atlantic cotton mills at Lawrence, Mass., have been notified of an increase of wages from 5 to 10 per cent.

Mrs. George Germaine, who recently lived at Brighton Park, Chicago, shot herself recently at Bloomington, Ill., but may recover.

The boiler of an oil well on the Hamilton farm, near Wilmington, Pa., exploded recently, killing a man named Fred Johnson.

Walter J. Quick of Columbus, Ind., has been elected to the chair of agriculture in the Colorado Agricultural college at Fort Collins.

A mad dog panic prevails at Brazil, Ind., thirteen cases of rabies being reported. Several cows were bitten and had to be killed.

At Peru, Ind., Messrs. Wallace & Anderson have ordered a new model of Pennington's airship to be built 20 feet long and 12 feet high.

Two masked men chloroformed Mrs. Lindgren, near Manchester, recently, and stole a large amount of school money kept in the house.

Chinese highbinders in San Francisco recently knifed two of their race to death while under influence of Chinese New Year's exhilaration.

The Indiana legislature has passed a law making it a felony to conduct a bucket-shop, deal in margins, or rent a building for the purpose.

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature providing for a board of World's fair managers and appropriating $250,000 for the state exhibit.

"Little Will Waters," a notorious colored man, was shot and killed recently at Warrensburg, Mo., by a man named Reager who runs a candy factory.

A joint resolution asking congress to enact a law providing for government loans on farm lands has passed both houses of the California legislature.

"Judith," a painting valued at $10,000 and an heirloom in the Ferrant family, was recently ruined by a fire in the home of Emil Ferrant at Minneapolis, Minn.

The employes of the extensive railroad shops of the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad at Susquehanna, Pa., have been placed on eight hours' time.

A bill has been introduced in the Michigan state legislature which prohibits private banks from being designated as banks at all. They are to be known as brokers.

The Nebraska legislature has passed the Australian ballot bill without a single dissenting vote. Representative Gale of Brown county red a threatening letter from some of his constituents, saying that he ought to be hanged for failing to stick to the Alliance party.

At Washington a small defalcation has been discovered in the pay department of the coast survey and as a result one of the clerks to the disbursing officer has been discharged.

Andrew M. Husted, aged 57 years, while walking on the West Jersey railroad, near Husted station, N. J., a few nights ago, was struck and instantly killed by a train.

Ben Steele, colored, was shot and instantly killed by H. P. Drake, colored, in Rosedale, a suburb of Kansas City, a few nights ago. The men quarreled over the loan of five cents.

Bishop Engle has been expelled from the United Brethren Church at Abilene, Kan., for "indiscreet financiering." He failed recently with liabilities $50,000 in excess of assets.

James Redpath, the Irish nationalist, journalist and lecturer, died at New York a few days ago from the effects of injuries received by being run down by a horse car last week.

W. G. Howells, son of a prominent Missouri attorney, has been lodged in jail by United States officers at St. Louis, Mo., charged with robbing a stage in Colorado last August.

When the news was received that the Iowa and Sac and Fox treaties had been ratified bells were rung, whistles were blown and brass bands paraded the streets of Guthrie, O. T.

At Kansas City recently the Trans-Missouri association voted to grant the request of Beatrice, Neb., merchants for a reduction in rates from and to Chicago and the Mississippi river.

Explorer Stanley denied at Akron the story that he intended to present to the Salvation army all the valuable presents, diamonds, etc., which he had received from monarchs and others.

Adam Fischer, shoemaker, has been arrested for burglary at Leadville, Col. In his room and on his person was found $7000 worth of jewelry, $700 in cash and a certificate of deposit for $700.

The board of supervisors of Polk county, Iowa, have decided not to pay further salary to County Treasurer Bayliss. He is cashier of a savings bank and is occupying both offices.

The reorganization of the Cotton Belt railroad has been further advanced at St. Louis. The federal court authorized the surrender of the deed to the property of the road in Missouri to the new owners.

John Oldshue and T. J. Beck of Auligent, Lamar county, Mo., had a quarrel about the ownership of a brick kiln and agreed to fight it out with shotguns. Beck was killed and Oldshue fled the country.

The legislature of New Mexico has passed an act appropriating $10,000 for the detection and conviction of the two men who recently attempted to assassinate four Republican councilmen last in Santa Fe.

At Blue Mound, Ill., a few days ago, Mrs. Minor Stivers, when she saw her drunken husband coming home, hid herself under the house, where she remained [illegible] before her friends found her.

Grace Freeburger, aged 8, who disappeared from Chesapeake City, Va., several days ago, was afterward found drowned in Mill creek, near Fort Monroe. Her parents moved from Baltimore three months ago.

In a hotel at Columbus, Kan., recently, Louis P. Holsey of Arizona, shot his wife, who had instituted proceedings for divorce, and then committed suicide. There is a slight chance in favor of the woman's recovery.

Charles Gordon, on leave of absence from the regular army, was a few nights ago to have wedded Mary Hart, at Huntington, Pa. During the day he secured $250 from the to-be-bride and decamped. He is 22 years old.

Edward Hinch, Patrick McInerney, William McIndoe, clerks of the Pennsylvania railroad in Jersey City, have been arrested on a charge of stealing goods from cars. The trio confessed and implicated twelve others.

United States government officers detailed to examine the coast defenses and railways of Mexico report having found them in better condition than they anticipated. The coast works, in particular, are progressing with notable rapidity.

FOREIGN.

Britain's queen has congratulated Arthur Sullivan on his "Ivanhoe."

Of 12,600,000 bushels of South Australian wheat raised in 1890, 9,000,000 are exportable.

Official returns from Oklahoma show that the recent elections were carried by Democrats and the Alliance.

Alexander Gunn has consented to be the reform candidate for Kingston, Ont., in opposition to John Macdonald.

The Swiss government has notified the government of Italy that it proposes to terminate the treaty of commerce existing between the two countries.

Monsignor Langevin, bishop of Rimouski, Quebec, has resigned his charge, owing to ill health. Monsignor Blais, his conductor, will probably succeed.

A report is circulated at Toronto, Ontario, that arrests of prominent politicians were pending the charges of treason. Little attention is paid to the matter, however.

During the final session of the Central Farmers' institute at Toronto the committee on combines reported, recommending the abolition of the Dominion senate as being a hindrance to progressive legislation.

The pope, in reply to earnest requests upon the subject, has been compelled to decline to make an official communication to the French bishops on the attitude which they are to assume toward the republic.

Mr. Morley has given notice in the house of commons of a motion to censure the Irish executive for its action in the Tipperary prosecutions, such action being calculated to bring the law into contempt and being a violation of the rights of citizens.

The Bank of England will pay back to the Bank of France at the end of the present month the three millions of bullion borrowed during the Baring crisis. It will be returned as received, as it has never been unpacked since it was shipped to London.

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CAPTURED A SUPPOSED TRAIN ROBBER.

A 7-Year-Old Boy Killed While Playing in a School Room by a Heavy Desk Falling Upon Him.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 18.—William T. Cash, a farmer and an itinerant horse trader, shot and almost instantly killed Ed T. Young at the corner of Main and Field streets Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. As he fired four bullets into the body of Young the slayer exclaimed: "He has debauched my wife and ruined my children and I killed him." The killing occurred when the street was crowded with people. There were no preliminaries, no fight, no scuffling. It all occurred in the space of a minute. When shot Young was walking across the street and the killing occurred in the center of the avenue. Passers by heard four shots in rapid succession, one louder than the rest, and above it all they heard the cry, "For God's sake don't kill me." They turned and saw Young lying in the street, his blood staining the pavement and forming a little pool around his head. Over the body stood the slayer with a smoking pistol in each hand. He was standing as straight as an arrow, not a muscle of his swarthy face twitching. For a half second the gathering crowd paused for fear the slayer might do further violence. Four or five then came forward, picked up Young, whose life-blood was fast ebbing away, and started over to a drug store, but before reaching it Young was dead. The man who did the killing said: "My name is W. T. Cash and my home was for many years at McKinney, Lincoln county, Ky., but I have no home now and am an itinerant mule-trader. Farming is my calling and I followed it until Ed Young ruined my life and broke up my family."

A Gold and Silver Find.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Feb. 16.—There is great excitement near Hardy, Montague county, in the Wilis Walla hills, twenty miles east of this city, on account of the discovery of a number of rich leads of gold and silver ore. Some time last December Capt. A. P. Cagle of St. Jo of that county sent a number of specimens of the mineral to St. Louis to be assayed and a few days ago he was informed that the quartz contained rich deposits of gold, lead, zinc and antimony, since which news he has negotiated a lease with a gold and silver mining company from Colorado, and will proceed to mining in the near future. The machinery and men will be on the grounds in a few weeks. The vein in the ledge is six feet wide and will assay $400 to the ton, besides lead, etc. Coal is found under the ledge of silver, the vein being thirty-seven inches thick, underlaid with nickel, gold and magnetic iron ore. From all information the mineral rod works with great power, one man being unable to hold it. Capt. Cagle's place is a solid bed of silver ore and the company who have it leased say it is richer than Nevada or Birmingham mines and they will have 1000 hands at work before spring is gone. Silver was first discovered here eight years ago by a prospector from the Australian gold fields and some one or two tons of the ore taken out, but never tested until December last. Now work will be begun and the mine fully developed. A city will be laid out at once on the divide between Clear creek and Willa Walla.

Drowned His Betrothed.

RICHMOND, Tex., Feb. 14.—A negro named Pete Jenkins killed a negro girl in the northern part of the county last Saturday. Jenkins was to be married to his victim and had everything prepared. Becoming jealous of his betrothed he ended all doubts by throwing her into a lake and sitting on her body until she was dead. Jenkins is 5 feet 10 inches tall, very black and has two upper teeth which makes his upper lip protrude. Detective Phillip was promptly on hand with blood hounds but Jenkins had several hours start and could not be apprehended.

A Boy's Skull Crushed.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 18.—Monday afternoon the 7-year-old son of Mr. Tobe Dixon, while playing with other children at the Seventh ward school house met with an accident that resulted in death Monday night. The children were romping in the school room and in some way one of the heavy school desks was overturned, and in falling it caught young Dixon underneath, the full weight of the desk falling on his head, crushing the skull. The little fellow was unconscious from the moment the accident occurred until he died.

Supposed Train Robber.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Feb. 18.—State Rangers P. S. Coy and Bud Rider yesterday brought to the jail here a Mexican by the name of Valdez, who is supposed to be one of the Brownsville train robbers. The capture was effected at Alice, and the rangers are confident that they have one of the gang. Valdez was turned over to Deputy United States Marshal Blair yesterday, who will take his prisoner to San Antonio to-day.

It Went Off Accidentally.

STEPHENVILLE, Tex., Feb. 17.—Saturday evening Claude McCorkle, aged 12, and a companion, Frank Neblett, were gunning on the outskirts of the town. By some means, which the boys say they cannot explain, young Neblett's gun fired, filling Claude McCorkle with a plentiful supply of bird shot. The little fellow's legs, arms and face were all struck but fortunately none entered his body. The wounds are not regarded as dangerous.

A Horrible Death.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Feb. 18.—James Newton, a brakeman on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, met a horrible death at a small station near here Wednesday night. One arm was cut off and the other was mashed into a jelly. His head and chest were a mass of pulp. No one who had known the deceased could possibly recognize the mangled body. Several cars had passed over it.

City Dads Arrested.

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 13.—Mayor Sims and the board of aldermen were placed under arrest by City Marshal Howell Mayes yesterday upon a warrant issued by M. S. McJunkin, city attorney, for violating the fire ordinance of the city. Mayor Sims says in explanation that Mr. John Henry, who is the owner of Henry's opera house, petitioned the council for permission to erect a two-story gallery and to cover the roof, ends and sides with tin or sheet iron, and that when the question came up for action before the council unanimous consent was given. Mr. Henry thereupon proceeded to build his gallery and to place studding on the ends and front or side, and was proceeding to place window frames in the sides when the city attorney protested against this violation of the fire ordinance. Upon a careful reading of the petition for the work the council found that they had all been mistaken in the character of the work to be done, but refused to interfere as the work had progressed so far. Then the city attorney filed complaints as above stated, and the case will be tried to-day. Mr. Henry wants more room, and by this means will place his dressing rooms over the street in the second gallery.

A WILD RIDE.

Forced to Kill the Runaway Horses in Order to Save His Life.

PARIS, Tex., Feb. 14.—Deputy Marshal Tom Smith returned here yesterday from the territory and tells of a thrilling experience of his a few nights ago. He and Deputy Marshal Booker were driving across the prairie between midnight and day. In crossing a ditch Booker, who was driving, pitched head first over the dashboard on the ground. The horses became frightened and ran. Smith was in the buggy helpless, as the lines had fallen outside. He had no knowledge of the country and did not know what moment he would go over a precipice or into a barbed wire. He was afraid to jump lest he should break his neck or a limb. So he leveled his Winchester and began firing at the horses and three or four shots brought them down. Booker was slightly bruised. The horses cost Smith $150 apiece, but he got the man he started after.

A Big Blaze.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Feb. 13.—Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning the people of the city were aroused from their slumbers by the ringing of bells, blowing whistles, etc., which are used as fire alarms. The fire had originated in a lumber shop which had been vacated during the day by some colored barbers being ejected from it by officers of the law, and spread from the building to two adjoining hotels, the Commercial, owned and run by Mrs. Cobler, and the Hotel Wichita, owned by a Sherman man. From these the railroad hotel and the new five-story Windsor hotel both caught and were soon burned to the ground. The railroad hotel was the property of President Morgan Jones of the Fort Worth and Denver, and the Windsor was owned by Capt. Thompkins of this city. These four hotels were all near the depot and were usually crowded with boarders and lodgers, a great many of the railroad boys boarding at them. But little of their contents were saved as they burned very rapidly, but so far as can be ascertained all the guests made their escape from the buildings, most of whom saved their personal effects.

Suicided While Shopping.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 17.—At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Albert C. Dutton, aged 44, died sitting in a chair in a retail dealers' place on Austin avenue. An empty bottle labeled morphia sulphas, found near him, appears to be an index to the cause of his death. Albert C. Dutton was a bachelor. His brother, George H. Dutton, committed suicide with morphine four years ago. They were the sons of George B. Dutton, the first contractor to build a house in the city of Waco. Both were addicted to settlee melancholy amounting to mania at times, and in these moods both, it is thought, died. An inquest held by Justice Harrison yesterday settled the point as to Albert C. Dutton, who died yesterday.

Another Tragedy at Kerens.

CORSICANA, Tex., Feb. 16.—Kerens, a small town sixteen miles east of here in this county, was again the scene of a tragedy Saturday. J. M. Stubblefield, at the time he was shot by Dr. Henry Carroll of Long Prairie in Smith & Coates' saloon. J. M. Stubblefield, at the time he was shot, was held under a $2000 bond to the district court for the murder of Charlie Hunt last summer and was regarded as a dangerous man. He now lies in a comatose state at the McLear hotel with four pistol wounds in the back of his head. Physicians say he cannot live. It was reported here yesterday that Stubblefield died at 5 p. m.

Blood in His Eye.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 14.—S. J. Mings of Gatesville, president of the Gatesville National bank, who has been published in numerous papers in this and other states as a defaulter, is here en route from California to Gatesville, and will leave to-day. Figuratively speaking he has blood in his eye and he will be heard from later on. One of the first persons he inquired for after arriving in the city from the west was L. B. Imboden. "I have been reading in the papers about him," he said, "and I want to shake him by the hand."

Shot His Two Brothers.

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 16.—A shotgun loaded with bird shot was accidentally discharged Saturday by Cain Anderson, 8 years of age. The load passed through the left fore arm of Jewell, his brother, who is 6 years old, and into the back of Richard, another brother 12 years of age. The latter lived only about two hours. His right lung was pierced with the full charge. They are the sons of R. M. Anderson.

Pistol Play.

CLEBURNE, Tex., Feb. 14.—Charles Higdon of Grandview was brought to Cleburne and placed in jail to answer a charge of assault with intent to kill. He became involved in a difficulty with some party in Grandview and drew his pistol. The other party grabbed him and a scuffle ensued in which Higdon's pistol was discharged, shooting off his own finger.

Deserted and in Want.

NAVASOTA, Tex., Feb. 17.—Flora Vaughan, a negro 78 years old, made an attempt at suicide, cutting her throat from ear to ear with a razor. Dr. Peebles sewed up the wound but she is not expected to live. She was deserted by her children and was in want.

TEXAS STATE NEWS NOTES.

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Wheat looks well in Fisher county.

Wheat near Hico is in fine condition.

Wheat is looking fine in Nolan county.

La Grange is after waterworks and electric lights.

Work has commenced on the Santa Fe railway hospital at Temple.

The strawberry crop in the vicinity of Alvin looks very promising.

T. C. Rudy of Rockwall has been arrested on a charge of malpractice.

A stage line has been established between Henrietta and Archer City.

Twenty miles of electric street railway are now in operation at Galveston.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Rhome, Wise county, is looking well.

The $4000 college building at West, McLennan county, is nearing completion.

Recent rains have seriously retarded preparations for the new crop in Wharton county.

Sherman has found the requisite number of people and will now get her new charter.

Collin county farmers are behind with their work on account of continued wet weather.

El Paso is soon to have a tannery which will give employment to 100 men and will cost $25,000.

Six prisoners confined in the jail at Henderson recently overpowered the jailer and escaped.

A canning factory, soap factory, steam laundry and butter factory are all early certainties for Cuero.

St. Mary's institute at Palestine has opened under the direction of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Nineteen hundred head of cattle are now feeding at their pens near Cuero preparatory to shipment.

The Denison city council has accepted the bid of $23,000 for the erection of three new ward school houses.

A national bank will begin operations at Mineola on the 1st of March with a paid up capital of $50,000.

The excavations have been made and the walls of Vernon's handsome Masonic temple are now under way.

A bank and a block of brick business houses in the near future is the cheering news for the citizens of Midlothian.

It is estimated that 8000 worth of sheep have been killed by wolves in the vicinity of Hico during the past year.

Hill county will make a stubborn resistance against being dismembered to form the so-called new county of Ross.

The business men of Greenville are petitioning for more light. The capacity of the electric light plant will be increased.

The Cuero oil mill has met with great success the first season of its existence. A nice dividend will be declared.

There is soon to be erected at Moody, McLennan county, a two-story brick and stone building with a frontage of 130 feet.

George D. Russell, a brakeman, was run over and killed at Yoakum a few days ago. The body was horribly mangled.

The Red river toll bridge at Denison is assuming shape. The north buttress on the Territory side has already been completed.

Final arrangements looking to the erection of the seamless bag factory at Sherman are completed and the enterprise is assured.

A most serious and dignified circle of ladies met at Fort Worth recently to secure better laws for the protection of little girls.

Sulphur Springs is advertising for bids for the construction of waterworks, a complete system of sewerage and an electric light plant.

Comanche county farmers have not been much deterred from their farm work by the rain and are much encouraged by the outlook.

Work has commenced at Colorado City on the magnificent plate glass front two-story brick building of the Colorado Commercial club.

It is said that the building improvements alone, which have been made at Seymour since May 1, 1890, will aggregate $500,000.

Work on the new stone hotel at Hallettsville will be commenced immediately. The entire building will be of the white Muldoon stone.

The block which was donated to Eddy for a public park is now being laid out in walks and planted with ornamental shrubs and flowers.

Elish Shaw, aged 70, committed suicide at Whitesboro a few days since by taking laudanum. The cause was some unknown family trouble.

An immense sugar farm is to be put in operation in Jackson county the coming season. When fully equipped the farm will be valued at over $40,000.

An organization is in a state of formation at Galveston for the purpose of constructing a sugar refinery in the city with a capacity of 700 barrels per day.

A safety deposit company has been organized at Fort Worth with a capital of $100,000. This is the first company of the kind doing business in the state.

Extensive prairie fires have been raging throughout the western part of Hale and Swisher counties the past few days and thousands of acres of range have been destroyed.

A negro boy named Shields, 15 years of age, was accidentally shot and killed at Galveston recently with a 22-caliber target rifle in the hands of one of his companions.

William Green, an old man supposed to be wealthy and who lived alone, was found dead on his farm recently near LaGrange. Rats had eaten out his eyes and tongue.

A band of Mexicans visited Jim Cline's ranch about forty-one miles south of Marfa, a few nights since while the Cline family were asleep and fired several volleys into the house. Jim and his brother Rufe returned the fire, when the Mexicans decamped in the direction of the Rio Grande.

The prospects for a fine wheat crop in Hardeman county are good. Unless something unforeseen happens the recent heavy rains and snows will occasion a heavy yield.

The furnaces of Fort Worth's mammoth brewery have been satisfactorily tested and the machinery is now nearly all in place. Operations will begin in earnest early in March.

While Will Wilson was abusing Aaron Franklin recently at Houston the latter sprang upon Wilson and disemboweled him before he could be prevented. Franklin escaped.

The pesthouse at Palestine was recently saturated with oil, set on fire and destroyed. W. D. Small, John Meagher and a man named Scruggs have been arrested for the crime.

At a recent meeting in Sherman of the Grayson county bar the members were unanimously in favor of asking the legislature to make a separate judicial district of Grayson county.

The lifeless body of Jim Massey, a negro, was found on Rogers' bridge, near Jefferson, a few mornings ago. It is supposed that his death was caused from intoxication and exposure.

Precilla Hernandez has been jailed at San Antonio for having cruelly assaulted a 15-year-old girl. The victim of the brutal lust of Hernandez was his wife's daughter by a former marriage.

During the progress of a ball at Wesley a few nights ago Palashek was assaulted by Louis Walenta and his two brothers, the former stabbing Palashek through the lungs and fatally wounding him.

Steven Waltziarzick, a boy 17 years old, was shot through the neck at San Antonio a few days ago by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a companion. Waltziarzick may die.

Some time ago a passenger train on the the Rio Grande division of the Texas and Pacific road killed three turkeys belonging to a farmer, when he immediately brought suit against the company for the $3.50.

Joe Jones of Georgia, brother of "your Uncle Sam," has begun a protracted meeting at Sherman. He was detained for some time by the trial of his father, Charlie, who recently killed a negro in Georgia.

The state of Texas has entered suit against the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and Missouri, Kansas and Texas roads at Alvord for $20,000 damages in each case for not building a union depot at the above place.

The trustees of the Waco Female college have decided to accept the $30,000 offer from the Lone Star Cotton Picker company for their grounds. Part of the school building will be remodeled for the manufactory.

A difficulty occurred recently near Farmersville, in which Porter Young and George Davis were the participants, firearms being used. Davis received a wound through the arm and across the back of the head.

William Janvett, for two years past driver of engine No. 2 of the San Antonio fire department, recently drew $50 and disappeared. Foul play is almost certainty, as his friends have searched the city without success.

A Mexican was taken out and lynched a few nights ago at Knickerbocker by three unknown men for seducing a rancher man's daughter, but it afterward developed that they had strung up the wrong party through mistake.

About six weeks ago J. A. Hale, contractor at the Duroc stone quarry, near Ranger, killed a Mexican in self-defense. A few days ago the Mexican's brother hunted Hale up and attacked him with a knife, when he was slain also.

The bridge over Pease river is about completed and will be ready to be turned over to the county in a few days. It is a magnificent structure and bears every indication of standing the inroads of time and the roar and rush of the waters.

While Bernard, a Stuckenburg, was returning home from San Antonio a few days ago he was thrown from his wagon by the horses running away, and becoming entangled in the lines was dragged several miles and horribly mutilated.

The success of the artesian well at Cleburne has settled the water question. The mains are being laid down from the well and the machinery will be put in place at once. Another well will be bored to the same depth as the last one.

The Lometa Educational society of Lometa, Lampasas county, has received a charter for the establishment of a $10,000 college, which is to be built the ensuing summer. It is to be known as Lea college, and is to be complete in every department.

While the Heiman family were down looking at the recent trades display parade at Galveston the residence was entered and an old trunk in the attic was rifled of $4300 in greenbacks, which Mrs. Heiman had drawn from the bank a few days before.

While in an intoxicated condition at Houston recently Tom O'Connor, an engineer on the Southern Pacific, slipped up behind a fellow engineer named Richard Nave and, without a word of warning, slashed him across the throat with a razor. Nave cannot live.

It is reported from Brownsville that Mrs. McCabe, who assassinated County Judge Stein of Hidalgo county at a Mexican fiesta some time ago and then stood off the officers who attempted her arrest, has escaped jail at Matamoras. Just how she escaped is not known.

County Assessor Allen Drake was seriously bitten at Denison a few days ago by a vicious bulldog while making his rounds in the northern part of the city. The dog held on and lacerated the unfortunate man's limbs in a terrible manner before he could be beaten off.

The Waco Water and Power company is preparing to dam the Bosque river and build storage lakes. The company already has a reservoir containing 25,000,000 gallons. It expects to double its capacity and supply water largely for motors, farm and garden irrigation and stock purposes.

During the absence of Mr. Robbins of Collingsworth his young son felt at liberty to take his six-shooter out for a little fun. While using the weapon very freely about town the boy took for his target a fine bird dog. His father now has a case of "pistol-toting" in the courts and a $100 dog to settle for.

NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Gleanings from Crime's Calendar Served to Suit the General Rush.

SERIOUS AND SENSATIONAL SORTINGS.

Foreign Flashes Across the Wave Rife with News of National Moment from Other Lands.

DOMESTIC.

Hog cholera prevails about Elkhart, Ind.

A Mormon revival is in progress at Carthage, Ill.

The gunboat Concord has been formally accepted by the government.

Pinkeye is afflicting people in various portions of Hancock county, Illinois.

Ida Carman, was found dead beside a railroad track at Dowagiac, Mich., recently.

John Thompson was killed at Fort Wayne, Ind., recently while examining a revolver.

Mrs. John Seymour was fatally injured in a runaway at Jackson, Mich., a few days ago.

George W. Cooper, a former preacher, has been arrested for forgery at Wilkesbarre, Pa.

John Newlin of Plainfield, Ind., was recently thrown from a high derrick and fatally injured.

Near Stryker, Ind., recently, E. B. Myers, a brakeman, fell under the train and was killed.

Mme. Agusta Berg, a Swedish artist, recently committed suicide at New York with morphine.

Julius Hurold, indicted for attempted bribery of Kansas City, Mo., aldermen, has been acquitted.

The Oregon house has passed a bill appropriating $50,000 for Oregon's exhibit at the World's fair.

The sale of the Dayton, Fort Wayne and Chicago road has been confirmed in court at Dayton, O.

City Marshal George Wells was fatally shot in a recent fight with negro raftsmen at Junction City, Ky.

A bill increasing to $100 per month the pension to the widow of General Custer has passed the house.

The explosion of a boiler in Giles' steam sawmill, near Reidsville, Ga., recently killed six men.

The city poorhouse at Waterville, Me., burned a few days ago and a demented girl perished in the flames.

Helena, Ala., was swept by a cyclone recently, several buildings being wrecked. Three persons were wounded.

George W. Simonds, aged 75 years, fell from a load of hay and broke his neck at Logansport, Ind., a few days ago.

Ten of the most desperate characters in the Indian Territory have been captured and taken to Ardmore in irons.

Gilbert Thompson recently committed suicide at Amherst, Wis., by holding his head under the water in a slop barrel.

Two boys, aged 10 and 12 years, who were found near Utica, Minn., a few days ago.

Clem Yoe, a school teacher of Morgan county, Ind., is charged by David Blunk with attempted criminal assault on his wife.

A bill to pension school teachers has been introduced in the Illinois house by Mr. Morris, the colored member from Chicago.

The 4-year-old daughter of William Grimes, at Guthrie, O. T., recently set the house on fire and burned her mother to death.

J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway system, has become backer of the Pacific Short Line, and will push it to completion.

The weavers in the Atlantic cotton mills at Lawrence, Mass., have been notified of an increase of wages from 5 to 10 per cent.

Mrs. George Germaine, who recently lived at Brighton Park, Chicago, shot herself recently at Bloomington, Ill., but may recover.

The boiler of an oil well on the Hamilton farm, near Wilmington, Pa., exploded recently, killing a man named Fred Johnson.

Walter J. Quick of Columbus, Ind., has been elected to the chair of agriculture in the Colorado Agricultural college at Fort Collins.

A mad dog panic prevails at Brazil, Ind., thirteen cases of rabies being reported. Several cows were bitten and had to be killed.

At Peru, Ind., Messrs. Wallace & Anderson have ordered a new model of Pennington's airship to be built 20 feet long and 12 feet high.

Two masked men chloroformed Mrs. Lindgren, near Manchester, recently, and stole a large amount of school money kept in the house.

Chinese highbinders in San Francisco recently knifed two of their race to death while under influence of Chinese New Year's exhilaration.

The Indiana legislature has passed a law making it a felony to conduct a bucket-shop, deal in margins, or rent a building for the purpose.

A bill has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature providing for a board of World's fair managers and appropriating $250,000 for the state exhibit.

"Little Will Waters," a notorious colored man, was shot and killed recently at Warrensburg, Mo., by a man named Reager who runs a candy factory.

A joint resolution asking congress to enact a law providing for government loans on farm lands has passed both houses of the California legislature.

"Judith," a painting valued at $10,000 and an heirloom in the Ferrant family, was recently ruined by a fire in the home of Emil Ferrant at Minneapolis, Minn.

The employes of the extensive railroad shops of the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad at Susquehanna, Pa., have been placed on eight hours' time.

A bill has been introduced in the Michigan state legislature which prohibits private banks from being designated as banks at all. They are to be known as brokers.

The Nebraska legislature has passed the Australian ballot bill without a single dissenting vote. Representative Gale of Brown county red a threatening letter from some of his constituents, saying that he ought to be hanged for failing to stick to the Alliance party.

At Washington a small defalcation has been discovered in the pay department of the coast survey and as a result one of the clerks to the disbursing officer has been discharged.

Andrew M. Husted, aged 57 years, while walking on the West Jersey railroad, near Husted station, N. J., a few nights ago, was struck and instantly killed by a train.

Ben Steele, colored, was shot and instantly killed by H. P. Drake, colored, in Rosedale, a suburb of Kansas City, a few nights ago. The men quarreled over the loan of five cents.

Bishop Engle has been expelled from the United Brethren Church at Abilene, Kan., for "indiscreet financiering." He failed recently with liabilities $50,000 in excess of assets.

James Redpath, the Irish nationalist, journalist and lecturer, died at New York a few days ago from the effects of injuries received by being run down by a horse car last week.

W. G. Howells, son of a prominent Missouri attorney, has been lodged in jail by United States officers at St. Louis, Mo., charged with robbing a stage in Colorado last August.

When the news was received that the Iowa and Sac and Fox treaties had been ratified bells were rung, whistles were blown and brass bands paraded the streets of Guthrie, O. T.

At Kansas City recently the Trans-Missouri association voted to grant the request of Beatrice, Neb., merchants for a reduction in rates from and to Chicago and the Mississippi river.

Explorer Stanley denied at Akron the story that he intended to present to the Salvation army all the valuable presents, diamonds, etc., which he had received from monarchs and others.

Adam Fischer, shoemaker, has been arrested for burglary at Leadville, Col. In his room and on his person was found $7000 worth of jewelry, $700 in cash and a certificate of deposit for $700.

The board of supervisors of Polk county, Iowa, have decided not to pay further salary to County Treasurer Bayliss. He is cashier of a savings bank and is occupying both offices.

The reorganization of the Cotton Belt railroad has been further advanced at St. Louis. The federal court authorized the surrender of the deed to the property of the road in Missouri to the new owners.

John Oldshue and T. J. Beck of Aullgent, Lamar county, Mo., had a quarrel about the ownership of a brick kiln and agreed to fight it out with shotguns. Beck was killed and Oldshue fled the country.

The legislature of New Mexico has passed an act appropriating $10,000 for the detection and conviction of the two men who recently attempted to assassinate four Republican councilmen last in Santa Fe.

At Blue Mound, Ill., a few days ago, Mrs. Minor Stivers, when she saw her drunken husband coming home, hid self under the house, where she remained hours before her friends found her.

Grace Freeburger, aged 8, who disappeared from Chesapeake City, Va., several days ago, was afterward found drowned in Mill creek, near Fort Monroe. Her parents moved from Baltimore three months ago.

In a hotel at Columbus, Kan., recently, Louis P. Holsey of Arizona, shot his wife, who had instituted proceedings for divorce, and then committed suicide. There is a slight chance in favor of the woman's recovery.

Charles Gordon, on leave of absence from the regular army, was a few nights ago to have wedded Mary Hart, at Huntington, Pa. During the day he secured $250 from the to-be-bride and decamped. He is 22 years old.

Edward Hinch, Patrick McInerney, William McIndoe, clerks of the Pennsylvania railroad in Jersey City, have been arrested on a charge of stealing goods from cars. The trio confessed and implicated twelve others.

United States government officers detailed to examine the coast defenses and railways of Mexico report having found them in better condition than they anticipated. The coast works, in particular, are progressing with notable rapidity.

FOREIGN.

Britain's queen has congratulated Arthur Sullivan on his "Ivanhoe."

Of 12,600,000 bushels of South Australian wheat raised in 1890, 9,000,000 are exportable.

Official returns from Oklahoma show that the recent elections were carried by Democrats and the Alliance.

Alexander Gunn has consented to be the reform candidate for Kingston, Ont., in opposition to John Macdonald.

The Swiss government has notified the government of Italy that it proposes to terminate the treaty of commerce existing between the two countries.

Monsignor Langevin, bishop of Rimouski, Quebec, has resigned his charge, owing to ill health. Monsignor Blais, his conductor, will probably succeed.

A report is circulated at Toronto, Ontario, that arrests of prominent politicians were pending the charges of treason. Little attention is paid to the matter, however.

During the final session of the Central Farmers' institute at Toronto the committee on combines reported, recommending the abolition of the Dominion senate as being a hindrance to progressive legislation.

The pope, in reply to earnest requests upon the subject, has been compelled to decline to make an official communication to the French bishops on the attitude which they are to assume toward the republic.

Mr. Morley has given notice in the house of commons of a motion to censure the Irish executive for its action in the Tipperary prosecutions, such action being calculated to bring the law into contempt and being a violation of the rights of citizens.

The Bank of England will pay back to the Bank of France at the end of the present month the three millions of bullion borrowed during the Baring crisis. It will be returned as received, as it has never been unpacked since it was shipped to London.

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EDITORIALS.

Welcome to the Alliance.

Don't try to make everybody hate you.

Borrowing money is a bad habit, and borrowing trouble is no better.—Ex.

It is said that right and justice can be obtained by perpetually struggling for them.

The Honey Grove Signal came to our exchange table this week. It is a new paper, ably edited and elegantly printed.

Remember that the most wretched being that walks the path of life is like the grand old oak that bends its shattered body before the cruel storm.

Topeka, Kan., Feb 17.—Just as Master Workman Powderly concluded a speech to the Knights of Labor last night he fell prostrate in a chair from an attack of heart disease. He recovered in five minutes and was able to walk to a hotel.

Blaine's reciprocity scheme is on the order of a sharp small [illegible] and dropped it in the slot, and by his recently adopted treaty Blaine tied a string to the American exports before dropping them in the Brazilian slot. Smart man, that Jim Blaine.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Gen. Tecumseh Sherman is dead. Of course "the march to the sea" left death, destruction and desolation in its wake, and love for the great military man was out of the question in Southern hearts, but still he was an American and a man of genius, and now above all other things he is dead. What little of animosity and ill-feeling we may have held against him in the South is no more. Peace to his ashes. Through endless ages yet to come the name of Sherman will be handed down as one of the greatest generals of the world.—Sherman Register.

While the winds are howling free coinage and the great democratic party is throbbing and beating with its great expectation, Mr. Cleveland coolly, quietly writes: "It gives me great pleasure to note the growth of the democratic sentiment and to know that the cause of tariff reform has recommended itself to the voters of the Sixth congressional district." The same old star-eyed goddess chestnut that has made Mr. Watterson the living example of one idea.—Fort Worth Gazette.

"The report of specie from the port of New York for the past week were $611,193 silver, and $58,567 gold, of which $500,200 silver, and $22,633 gold went to Europe, and $20,065 silver, and $35,934 gold to South America. The imports of specie at the port of New York for the past week aggregated $194,995, of which $40,534 were gold and $154,561 silver."

If this, taken from press dispatches be true, the position of Mr. Edward Atkinson when before the financial committee is false. He stated that the poorer currency (silver) would drive out the better currency (gold) if the free coinage bill passed. But the above statement shows that with free coinage before congress, having passed the senate, and with a fair prospect of passing the house, silver is going abroad instead of gold. This one fact is a complete refutation of all the arguments against free coinage.—National Economist.

Corruption.

We cannot better portray the evil effects of corruption than to give the following editorial as clipped from the St. Louis National Reformer:

"This might properly be termed the age of corruption. The insidious hand of bribery has permeated every department of government. With a sinister smile it approaches the judge upon his bench. It reaches out its lecherous hand and the administration of justice is affected. It approaches the jury box and manufactures its own verdict. In gaudy attire it moves through the corridors and lobby rooms of our national and state capitols, and dictates the laws of the land. Silently and insidiously, under the guise of friendship, its allegiance to party or a demonstration of its power accompanied with a threat, it approaches the executive power and wrings from it a concession that will still further extend its privilege to prey upon the people. This hideous monster "Corruption," writhing and seething in its own loathsomeness, steeped in sin, black as night with deeds of treachery, stalking abroad through the land, is courted by presidents, governors, senators, congressmen and judges. He is feted by millionaires; is the confidential friend of railroad presidents and directors; is the wily agent of Standard Oil manipulators and managers of trusts; warms himself at the fire of legislators, and is frequently embraced by things who call themselves women. Let the ungodly thing be banished from our midst."

Address of Welcome,

Delivered by Mrs. Belle Smith at Lingleithe, Texas, to the Erath County Alliance, Jan. 21, 1891.

"Ladies and gentlemen, sisters and brethren of the Alliance of Erath county—I am happy to meet you, I rejoice at your coming. Represenative delegates of a great and growing county representing that interest that lies at the foundation of all other interests. You come in the name of that great agricultural class that constitute, not only the bone and sinew, but the conservative element of our common country; in the success of which has been, is and will continue to be the hope of our land. To it all other callings and professions look for a succor, and in it trade is commerce centers. From it the great names and lights of history have sprung—giving us such men as Clay, Calhoun and Webster, whose lives have been "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway," and whose luminous characters have been "a pillar cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night," to guide us on our governmental pilgrimage. You come to lay a tribute upon the altar of your country in advancing the science and promoting the growth of the great farming interests—that all absorbing industry that not only makes, but digests the food of the body politic of the nation that sets all the wheels to going and all the spindles to humming, and all the saws to buzzing throughout the length and breadth of our broad land.

Without it, our mills would close, our factories stop, and the sounds of the hammer and the saw be hushed. The owls and bats would take possession of our magnificent halls and temples, and their imposing columns would moulder back into mother earth. Then as humble instruments to further this great cause, I bid you a right royal welcome. Welcome to your great undertakings and welcome to our homes and hearth stones.

May all your deliberations be tempered with prudence and patience, and controlled by the guarding star of fortitude and justice. Let us come in no partisan or sectional spirit, but in that fervent charity as broad as the blue canopy of heaven itself; that will take in, not only the whole country, but all interests and classes. "For the foot cannot say to the hand I have no need of thee, nor the body to the head, I have no need of thee, but are members of one body." Let us remember, that our forefathers who fled from the old world to escape persecutions and as soon as they gained a foot hold and power in the new, they became the persecutors of their fellows. But I am not here to make a speech—only to bid you welcome, welcome, thrice welcome in our midst.

May He in whose hands the destinies of nations as well as individuals rests, give your wisdom to contrive and power to execute the great conservative plans of your order.

Farmersville, Tex., Feb. 17.—The board of aldermen has bought the Looney & Downing property, where the present frame school building now stands, for $1200. It is to be the site of the new school building and is a beautiful location, convenient to all parts of town. Work will commence on the new building at once.

There is a great deal of sickness in the community.

Cleveland and Randall.

Certain low tariff papers cried, "Crucify Sam Randall, he is a high tariff advocate." These same certain papers are now condoning Cleveland's anti silver utterances. Sam Randall was in all things the superior of Cleveland, but his party dared not risk him as a presidential candidate because of his tariff views. And shall the democracy risk another man whose views on another vital question would breed opposition to him at the polls no less violent than would have met that peerless statesman, honest man and noble friend of the South, Samuel J. Randall? Wherein was Randall's sin against expediency and partyism more flagrant than is Mr. Cleveland's? Is Cleveland bigger than Randall? Is Cleveland bigger than democracy?—Fort Worth Gazette.

Gen. W. T. Sherman is dead. Of the deceased Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage said:

"The century had no grander soul to surrender into eternity than the one just passed away, the frank, honest, brilliant, gallant, patriotic William T. Sherman. Thank God that I ever felt the hearty grip of his right hand and had the friendship of his great big heart. I have no heart in the question which is being agitated as to whether he was a Catholic or Protestant. I heard his profession of faith on a memorial occasion and under peculiar circumstances. In New York at the New England dinner three years ago I sat with him four hours. He on one side and the immortal Henry W. Grady on the other. When in conversation he expressed to me his respect for the religion embraced by his wife and his own faith in God and his confidence in the future. Simple as a child, brave as a lion, sympathetic as a woman, firm as a rock, wrathful as a tempest when aroused against great wrong, lovely as a June morning among his friends."

The battle for industial freedom is on. The people are rallying to the conflict. From every hill and dale; from every workshop and factory; from every home and fire side, comes the great rallying cry from the people. The hand of oppression and legalized robbery has been felt in the home of every honest patriot. The hearts of the great common people have been wrung with pity at the universal cry of distress. The patriotic fires of the Revolution are being kindled anew. In the distance is heard the low [illegible] of the storm that will, in 1892, sweep over the country like a cyclone. Let the "powers that be" take heed, and by exercising wisdom, mitigate its fury, lest they be swallowed in the vortex of its impetuosity.—National Reformer.

Cleveland is still opposed to the free coinage of silver, while the masses of the democratic party is in favor of it. Query: Who will be the next democratic nominee?

Tidings from His Son.

Mr. H. P. Lindsay, one of our best citizens, who lives near Blue Ridge, in this county, the other day received a letter post mark from some town in the state of Montana, and on opening it he found it to be from one of his sons that he had not heard from in fourteen long years. The young man had gone west to accumulate a fortune and became negligent about writing to the old people at home, and having seen an account of the death of some one of that name they supposed it was him. The father had made diligent search for his son, but could hear nothing of him, and the entire family had come to the conclusion that the loved one had died in a strange land and been buried by strangers. As a last resort to find his son Mr. Lindsay advertised for him in the Courier-Journal and a copy of this paper fell into the hands of young Lindsay, who wrote to his aged folks that he was well, had a nice family of three children and was well fixed in this world's goods. When that letter from Montana reached the home of Mr. Lindsay in old Collin telling him that his son was not dead but alive and well, there was rejoicing in that household as was in the heart of Jacob of old when he heard of his son Joseph.—Farmersville times.

Where Is the Peddler?

McKinney, Tex., Feb. 16.—Some time since a dry goods vendor of small wares left his team and pack at C. R Gerhardt's, three miles south of Melissa. He has disappeared quicker than a feather in sheol and parties in the neighborhood are exercised. There is talk of dragging branches, seining creeks, looking up hollow trees, digging for new-made graves and the like, but the peddler non est inventus.

A LETTER TO A BROTHER.

[By Tot England, Lucas, Tex.]

Dear John, don't you remember
In the house where we were born,
How the sun came shining in
Though the window every morn?

There in youth our lives were started
You and I were brothers true,
But, alas! we now have parted—
I will bid you now adieu.

For the ocean rolls between us.
I shall never see your face,
But remember the hour of parting
In that lone and sacred place.

All the vows that we have made, John,
I will ne'er on this earth break.
I will never, no I'll never—
I will never you forsake.

You remember down the river
Where we used to go and play.
And there built our little houses
Which were all torn down each day?

There we used to sit and murmur
In the bright days of the past.
But I now am on the ocean.
We have murmured now our last.

I can ne'er on you dear brother
Cast another loving smile.
Now it makes me cry and mourn.
Oh! it almost makes me wild!

John, our mother has long left us!
And our father, too, is dead.
They are sleeping, calmly sleeping,
In their quiet and lonely bed.

Now you know I'm getting old, John,
And my hair is turning gray,
But I still will love you, brother,
Though we're many miles away.

I am getting very tired
Of my life upon the sea.
I think the time's but a day,
From this world will be free.

John, will you in that world be
On that quiet and peaceful shore,
Where we there shall see each other
As we were around the door?

Then our parting will be over;
Then will be our time to rest—
For on earth we'll have our troubles—
None shall bother our breast.

Which is Worse?

McKINNEY, Feb. 16, 1891.

Editor Democrat.

Having been reading Capt. Johnson's articles, I noticed that he charges that the two old parties have robbed the people equally. As a republican I wish to show him the following figures on treasury defaulters on the democratic side and ask him to show me as much robbery on the republican side, if he can:

Hemingway of Mississippi, $315,000.

Noland of Missouri, $32,445.

Tate of Kentucky, $120,000.

Vincent of Alabama, $80,000.

Churchill of Arkansas, $115,000.

Polk of Tennessee, $50,000.

Calloway of Arkansas, $11,000.

Treasurer of Maryland, $100,000.

Burke of Louisiana, $750,000.

Loss of Denton and Collin counties by defaulters, $128,000.

Total, $1,702,345.

Has not the democratic party said that capital shall own labor while the republican party said that both capital and labor shall be free?

Now, as Capt. Johnson says that he is not in favor of a third party why does he fight both the old parties?

HARRISON THOMPSON.

From Wilmeth.

WILMETH, Feb. 15, 1891.

Editor Democrat.

For some time I have been silent, but this evening I will toot my horn.

Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high.

We had a wedding at preaching last Sunday, February 8. Mr. Myers and Miss Georgia Duncan were joined in the bond of holy wood-chuck. N. W. Davis was the leader, when the bride and groom came.

D. L. McKinney and family and John Kelsay and family have moved back to Van Alstyne, their former home.

Mr. Bill Blankenship and family are all getting up after a long seige of measles.

Health is very fine in our community.

The death of Major Buck and Mr. Seay and his wife, has cast a gloom over our community.

Your correspondent attended church last night and heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Thompson of the Christian church. He is a fine talker and a good man.

Mr. McKinney of your city preached for us to-day.

There will be singing to-night at Elder J. B. Wilmeth's. Our literary is still struggling along with the ups and downs of this old world of ours.

Farmers are dog gone busy now, with no candidate to interfere.

We understand that some of the farmers here are paying 90 cents per bushel for corn. The lard of Moses! What will we farmers do? Raise cotton and give it away? Pharaoh had the Israelites in bondage. Farmers, where are we? We have no Moses to waive his rod for us. We must rebel. So let us rally!

Steve Hall is building two more rooms to his dwelling. Thos. B. Wilmeth is doing the carpenter work for him. Tom is an excellent carpenter, but he sometimes misses the nail and his thumb stops the lick; then, for a few minutes, everything is blue.

Mrs. Annie Davis of Vineland is visiting her parents.

Mr. Finly of Woodlawn is visiting Mr. J. N. Welch.

Aurelia Wilmeth of Van Alstyne is in our midst.

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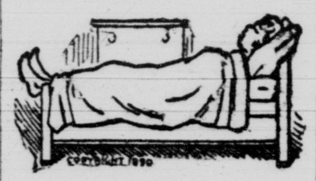
The ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will give a rainbow tea Friday, the 20th of this month, at Wear's art gallery, from 4 o'clock p. m. to 11 o'clock p. m.

T. M. Wilson has been selected to take charge of the Wetzell school just north of Allen. Mr. Wilson is a practical teacher, and is giving entire satisfaction.



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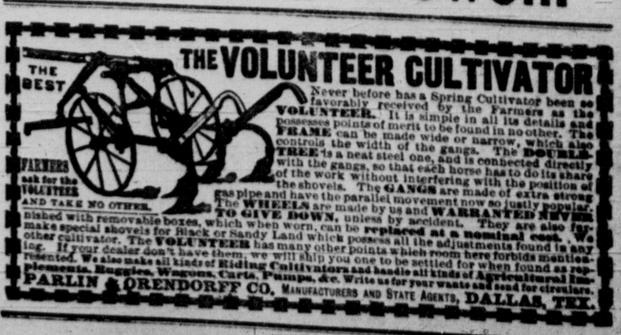

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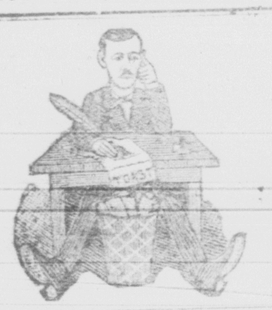

EDITORIALS.

Welcome to the Alliance.

Don't try to make everybody hate you.

Borrowing money is a bad habit, and borrowing trouble is no better.—Ex.

It is said that right and justice can be obtained by perpetually struggling for them.

The Honey Grove Signal came to our exchange table this week. It is a new paper, ably edited and elegantly printed.

Remember that the most wretched being that walks the path of life is like the grand old oak that bends its shattered body before the cruel storm.

Topeka, Kan., Feb 17.—Just as Master Workman Powderly concluded a speech to the Knights of Labor last night he fell prostrate in a chair from an attack of heart disease. He recovered in five minutes and was able to walk to a hotel.

Blaine's reciprocity scheme is on the order of a sharp small boy who, [illegible] and tripped up by his recently adopted treaty Blaine tied a string to the American exports before dropping them in the Brazilian slot. Smart man, that Jim Blaine.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Gen. Tecumseh Sherman is dead. Of course "the march to the sea" left death, destruction and desolation in its wake, and love for the great military man was out of the question in Southern hearts, but still he was an American and a man of genius, and now as years and things he is dead. What little of animosity and ill-feeling we may have held against him in the South is no more. Peace to his ashes. Through endless ages yet to come the name of Sherman will be handed down as one of the greatest generals of the world.—Sherman Register.

While the winds are howling free coinage and the great democratic party is throbbing and beating with its great expectation, Mr. Cleveland coolly, quietly writes: "It gives me great pleasure to note the growth of the democratic sentiment and to know that the cause of tariff reform has recommended itself to the voters of the Sixth congressional district." The same old star-eyed goddess chestnut that has made Mr. Watterson the living example of one idea.—Fort Worth Gazette.

"The report of specie from the port of New York for the past week were $611,193 silver, and $58,567 gold, of which $500,200 silver, and $22,633 gold went to Europe, and $20,065 silver, and $35,934 gold to South America. The imports of specie at the port of New York for the past week aggregated $194,995, of which $40,534 were gold and $154,561 silver."

If this, taken from press dispatches be true, the position of Mr. Edward Atkinson when before the financial committee is false. He stated that the poorer currency (silver) would drive out the better currency (gold) if the free coinage bill passed. But the above statement shows that with free coinage before congress, having passed the senate, and with a fair prospect of passing the house, silver is going abroad instead of gold. This one fact is a complete refutation of all the arguments against free coinage.—National Economist.

Corruption.

We cannot better portray the real effects of corruption than to give the following editorial clipped from the St. Louis National Reformer:

"This might properly be termed the age of corruption. The insidious hand of bribery has permeated every department of government. With a sinister smile it approaches the judge upon his bench. It [illegible] its lecherous hand [illegible] administration of justice. It approaches [illegible] and manufactures its own verdict. In gaudy attire it moves through the corridors and lobby rooms of our national and state capitols, and dictates the laws of the land. Silently and insidiously, under the guise of friendship, its allegiance to party or a demonstration of its power accompanied with a threat, it approaches the executive power and wrings from it a concession that will still further extend its privilege to prey upon the people. This hideous monster "Corruption," writhing and seething in its own loathsomeness, steeped in sin, black as night with deeds of treachery, stalking abroad through the land, is courted by presidents, governors, senators, congressmen and judges. He is feted by millionaires; is the confidential friend of railroad presidents and directors; is the wily agent of Standard Oil manipulators and managers of trusts; warms himself at the fire of legislators, and is frequently embraced by things who call themselves women. Let the ungodly thing be banished from our midst."

Address of Welcome,

Delivered by Mrs. Belle Smith at Kingsville, Texas, to the Erath County Alliance, Aug. 21, 1891.

"Ladies and gentlemen, sisters and brethren of the Alliance of Erath county—I am happy to meet you, I rejoice at your coming. Representative delegates of a great and growing county representing that interest that lies at the foundation of all other interests. You come in the name of that great agricultural class that constitute, not only the bone and sinew, but the conservative element of our common country; in the success of which has been, is and will continue to be the hope of our land. To it all other callings and professions look for a succor, and in it trade is commerce centers. From it the great names and lights of history have sprung—giving us such men as Clay, Calhoun and Webster, whose [illegible] been "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway," and whose luminous characters have been "a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night," to guide us on our governmental pilgrimage. [illegible] a tribute upon [illegible] the altar of your country in advancing the science and prosperity and the growth of the great farming interests—that all absorbing industry that not only makes but digests the food of [illegible] the police of the nation [illegible] all the wheels to going [illegible] the spindles to humming [illegible] the saws to buzzing [illegible] the length and [illegible] our broad land.

Without our mills would stop, our factories stop, and the sounds of the hammer and the saw be hushed. The owls and bats would take possession of our magnificent halls and temples, and their imposing columns would moulder back into mother earth. Then as humble instruments to further this great cause, I bid you a right royal welcome. Welcome to your great undertakings and welcome to our homes and hearth stones.

May all your deliberations be tempered with prudence and patience, and controlled by the guarding star of fortitude and justice. Let us come in no partisan or sectional spirit, but in that fervent charity as broad as the blue canopy of heaven itself, that will take in, not only the whole country, but all interests and classes. "For the foot cannot say to the hand I have no need of thee, nor the body to the head, I have no need of thee, but are members of one body." Let us remember, that our forefathers who fled from the old world to escape persecutions and as soon as they gained a foot hold and power in the new, they became the persecutors of their fellows. But I am not here to make a speech—only to bid you welcome, welcome, thrice welcome in our midst.

May He in whose hands the destinies of nations as well as individuals rests, give your wisdom to contrive and power to execute the great conservative plans of your order.

Farmersville, Tex., Feb. 17.—The board of aldermen has bought the Looney & Downing property, where the present frame school building now stands, for $1200. It is to be the site of the new school building and is a beautiful location, convenient to all parts of town. Work will commence on the new building at once.

—There is a great deal of sickness in the community.

Cleveland and Randall.

Certain low tariff papers cried, "Crucify Sam Randall, he is a high tariff advocate." These same certain papers are now condoning Cleveland's anti silver utterances. Sam Randall was in all things the superior of Cleveland, but his party dared not risk him as a presidential candidate because of his tariff views. And shall the democracy risk another man whose views on another vital question would breed opposition to him at the polls no less violent than would have met that peerless statesman, honest man and noble friend of the South, Samuel J. Randall? Wherein was Randall's sin against expediency and partyism more flagrant than is Mr. Cleveland's? Is Cleveland bigger than Randall? Is Cleveland bigger than democracy?—Fort Worth Gazette.

Gen. W. T. Sherman is dead. Of the deceased Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage said:

"The century had no grander soul to surrender into eternity than the one just passed away, the frank, honest, brilliant, gallant, patriotic William T. Sherman. Thank God that I ever felt the hearty grip of his right hand and had the friendship of his great big heart. I have no heart in the question which is being agitated as to whether he was a Catholic or Protestant. I heard his profession of faith on a memorial occasion and under peculiar circumstances. In New York at the New England dinner three years ago I sat with him four hours. He on one side and the immortal Henry W. Grady on the other. When in conversation he expressed to me his respect for the religion embraced by his wife and his own faith in God and his confidence in the future. Simple as a child, brave as a lion, sympathetic as a woman, firm as a rock, wrathful as a tempest when aroused against great wrong, lovely as a June morning among his friends."

The battle for industial freedom is on. The people are rallying to the conflict. From every hill and dale; from every workshop and factory; from every home and fire side, comes the great rallying cry from the people. The hand of oppression and legalized robbery has been felt in the home of every honest patriot. The hearts of the great common people have been wrung with pity at the universal cry of distress. The patriotic fires of the Revolution are being kindled anew. In the distance is heard the low [illegible] of the storm that will, in 1892, sweep over the country like a cyclone. Let the "powers that be" take heed, and by exercising wisdom, mitigate its fury, lest they be swallowed in the vortex of its impetuosity.—National Reformer.

Cleveland is still opposed to the free coinage of silver, while the masses of the democratic party is in favor of it. Query: Who will be the next democratic nominee?

Tidings from His Son.

Mr. H. P. Lindsay, one of our best citizens, who lives near Blue Ridge, in this county, the other day received a letter post mark from some town in the state of Montana, and on opening it he found it to be from one of his sons that he had not heard from in fourteen long years. The young man had gone west to accumulate a fortune and became negligent about writing to the old people at home, and having seen an account of the death of some one of that name they supposed it was him. The father had made diligent search for his son, but could hear nothing of him, and the entire family had come to the conclusion that the loved one had died in a strange land and been buried by strangers. As a last resort to find his son Mr. Lindsay advertised for him in the Courier-Journal and a copy of this paper fell into the hands of young Lindsay, who wrote to his aged folks that he was well, had a nice family of three children and was well fixed in this world's goods. When that letter from Montana reached the home of Mr. Lindsay in old Collin telling him that his son was not dead but alive and well, there was rejoicing in that household as was in the heart of Jacob of old when he heard of his son Joseph.—Farmersville times.

Where Is the Peddler?

McKinney, Tex., Feb. 16.—Some time since a dry goods vendor of small wares left his team and pack at C. R. Gerhardt's, three miles south of Melissa. He has disappeared quicker than a feather in sheol and parties in the neighborhood are exercised. There is talk of dragging branches, seining creeks, looking up hollow trees, digging for new-made graves and the like, but the peddler non est inventus.

A LETTER TO A BROTHER.

[By Tot England, Lucas, Tex.]

Dear John, don't you remember
In the house where we were born,
How the sun came shining in
Though the window every morn?

There in youth our lives were started
You and I were brothers true,
But, alas! we now have parted—
I will bid you now adieu.

For the ocean rolls between us.
I shall never see your face,
But remember the hour of parting
In that lone and sacred place.

All the vows that we have made, John,
I will ne'er on this earth break.
I will never, no I'll never—
I will never you forsake.

You remember down the river
Where we used to go and play.
And there built our little houses
Which were all torn down each day?

There we used to sit and murmur
In the bright days of the past.
But I now am on the ocean.
We have murmured now our last.

I can ne'er on you dear brother
Cast another loving smile.
Now it makes me cry and mourn.
Oh! it almost makes me wild!

John, our mother has long left us!
And our father, too, is dead.
They are sleeping, calmly sleeping,
In their quiet and lonely bed.

Now you know I'm getting old, John,
And my hair is turning gray,
But I still will love you, brother,
Though we're many miles away.

I am getting very tired
Of my life upon the sea.
I think the time's but a day,
(from this world will be free.

John, will you in that world be
On that quiet and peaceful shore,
Where we there shall see each other
As we were around the door?

Then our parting will be over;
Then will be our time to rest—
For on earth we'll have our troubles—
None shall bother our breast.

Which is Worse?

McKINNEY, Feb. 16, 1891.

Editor Democrat,

Having been reading Capt. Johnson's articles, I noticed that he charges that the two old parties have robbed the people equally. As a republican I wish to show him the following figures on treasury defaulters on the democratic side and ask him to show me as much robbery on the republican side, if he can:

Hemingway of Mississippi, $315,000.

Noland of Missouri, $32,445.

Tate of Kentucky, $120,000.

Vincent of Alabama, $80,000.

Churchill of Arkansas, $115,000.

Polk of Tennessee, $50,000.

Calloway of Arkansas, $11,000.

Treasurer of Maryland, $100,000.

Burke of Louisiana, $750,000.

Loss of Denton and Collin counties by defaulters, $128,000.

Total, $1,702,345.

Has not the democratic party said that capital shall own labor while the republican party said that both capital and labor shall be free!

Now, as Capt. Johnson says that he is not in favor of a third party why does he fight both the old parties?

HARRISON THOMPSON.

From Wilmeth.

WILMETH, Feb. 15, 1891.

Editor Democrat.

For some time I have been silent, but this evening I will toot my horn.

Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high.

We had a wedding at preaching last Sunday, February 8. Mr. Myers and Miss Georgia Duncan were joined in the bond of holy wood-chuck. N. W. Davis was the leader, when the bride and groom came.

D. L. McKinney and family and John Kelsay and family have moved back to Van Alstyne, their former home.

Mr. Bill Blankenship and family are all getting up after a long seige of measles.

Health is very fine in our community.

The death of Major Buck and Mr. Seay and his wife, has cast a gloom over our community.

Your correspondent attended church last night and heard an excellent sermon by Rev. Thompson of the Christian church. He is a fine talker and a good man.

Mr. McKinney of your city preached for us to-day.

There will be singing to-night at Elder J. B. Wilmeth's. Our literary is still struggling along with the ups and downs of this old world of ours.

Farmers are dog gone busy now, with no candidate to interfere.

We understand that some of the farmers here are paying 90 cents per bushel for corn. The lard of Moses! What will we farmers do? Raise cotton and give it away! Pharaoh had the Israelites in bondage. Farmers, where are we? We have no Moses to waive his rod for us. We must rebel. So let us rally!

Steve Hall is building two more rooms to his dwelling. Thos. B. Wilmeth is doing the carpenter work for him. Tom is an excellent carpenter, but he sometimes misses the nail and his thumb stops the lick; then, for a few minutes, everything is blue.

Mrs. Annie Davis of Vineland is visiting her parents.

Mr. Finly of Woodlawn is visiting Mr. J. N. Welch.

Aurelia Wilmeth of Van Alstyne is in our midst.

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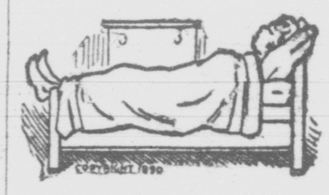

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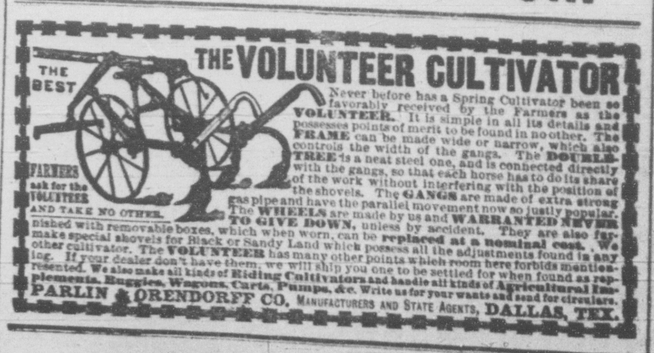

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W. T. Hale and John T. Branch were in to see us last Monday. A lawyer happened to be in our office at the same time and quite a lively but friendly discussion took place in which our two Alliance friends were victorious.

For Seven Long Years.

I suffered untold agonies with my left leg which was afflicted with a large ulcer that eat away the flesh, leaving the bone visible, which was attended by the most excruciating pain; so great was the pain that I was forced to take six grains of morphine daily. I was induced to try Dr Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup and after taking nine bottles I can say I am entirely cured, am 65 years old and weigh 177 pounds to-day.—William Curry, Gainesville, Texas.

Speakers of wide reputation have already promised to attend the camp-meeting next July. Just as soon as the invitation committee completes its work the DEMOCRAT will publish the program.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. N. McAULAY and Bro.

The committee appointed to select grounds for the Alliance campmeeting have made a selection near White's Grove and have secured the right-of-way for a sufficient distance around to have full control.

☞Jewelry very cheap at the Nickel store.

The Teachers' institute will convene at the court-house next Saturday.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

From Woodlawn

WOODLAWN, Feb 16, 1891.
Editor of the Democrat

Writing items for a county paper is an easy task when news is plentiful, but it's quite a task to Chatter Box this time, but will do the best I can.

The Methodist minister, Bro. Angleman, preached to an appreciative audience the night of Feb. 8 His text was the latter portion of the 12th verse in the 1st chapter of 2d Peter. Hereafter he will preach here the 2d Sunday in each month at eleven o'clock. There will also be services at night.

Mr. J. H. Watson paid our neighborhood a hurried business visit last week.

I heard that our former friend and neighbor, Mrs. Lou Brumby, was in very bad health. The prairies do not seem to agree with her. We welcome her to the "brush" at any time.

Mr. J. A. Payne and family of McKinney visited the family of U. R. Berry last week. Come again, John. We like to have the "duck" with us.

The farmers are progressing finely with their crops. So far all seem to be up with land breaking—very near, at least.

Next Sunday, Feb. 22, is the regular day for Bro. Sterrett to peach here.

We passed Mr. Littlejohn on the road and he did not seem to notice us, but as he was riding in his new wagon, I suppose that was the reason.

As Sally Ann wants me to feed the pigs, I will close.

CHATTER BOX.

Specimen Cases.

S.H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis: was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism. His stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely Sold by E. N. McAuley & Bro.

Major Buck Dead.

Saturday morning last the news was flashed over the city that Major John A. Buck had died during the night. Pneumonia, from which he had suffered over a week, was the cause of his death. Impressive ceremonies were held at the residence of the deceased in the southwest part of the city at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday. A large concourse followed the remains to Pecan Grove cemetery where the last sat rites were performed under the auspicies of the Knights of Honor.

These unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Liver Pills, which are made expressly for sleepless, nervous, dyspeptic sufferers. Price 25 cents.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

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Big Drive.

20 yards mattress tick for $1.
20 yards soft finished 4-4 bleach domestic for $1.
20 yards full standard prints for $1.
10 yards linen chambray for $1.
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At Mississippi store.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take.

A deaf and dumb (?) man came into the city last Monday, but Sam Burk happened to hear him talking to a stranger and consequently "pulled" the subject of charity.

Fire.

About 11 o'cock Sunday morning the steam laundry was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given and everybody rushed to the scene. The churches were opening the exercises, but were disturbed by most of the audiences leaving. The fire had reached the roof of the building, but made slow progress owing to the damp condition of the timber. The hook and ladder boys made good time and soon extinguished the flames which did very little damage. The engine and hose boys were promptly on hand, but were not needed.

No one doubts that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy really cures catarrh, whether the disease be recent or of long standing, because the makers of it clinch their faith in it with a $500 guarantee, which isn't a mere newspaper guarantee, but "on call" in a moment. That moment is when you prove that its makers can't cure you. The reason for their faith is this: Dr. Sage's remedy has proved itself the right cure for ninety-nine out of one hundred cases of catarrh in the head, and the World's Dispensary Medical association can afford to take the risk of you being the one hundredth. The only question is, Are you willing to make the test, if the makers are willing to take the risk? If so, the rest is easy. You pay your druggist 50 cents and the trial begins. If you're wanting the $500 you'll get something better—a cure.

If you feel weak and all worn out take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

We hereby serve notice on Walnut Grove Alliance that we have promised Mr. Branch of Lucas that we will accompany him to his next appointment at that place. We simply give our friends a hint that we wish a place to "bunk."

From Parker.

PARKER, Feb. 14, 1891.
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The farmers in our section are taking time by the forelock, and are listing up their cotton land, and sowing oats.

Rev. Mr. Baldrich has been very low for several days with nervous prostration, but is convalescent.

Mr. Lewis has been suffering greatly with a badly bruised hand.

The Wilkins Alliance did not convene last Wednesday night.

Miss Jennie Kennedy has been attacked with neuralgia in her eyes. She has not been able to attend school for nearly a week.

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Alliance Mill Notice.

VINELAND, Feb. 14, 1891.

Having been elected trustee for the stockholders of the Alliance Mill company, I hereby notify all stockholders that their money is now ready. I will be in McKinney on the first and third Saturdays in each month and on the first Monday in each month for some time, for the purpose of paying out the money due said stockholders as per arrangement at the last meeting of stockholders. The stockholders will please bring their stock receipts. D. C. FLIPPEN,
Trustee.

Mr. Dan Flippen tells us about the remarkable trait of a dog in his community. He says that the president of the Bloomdale Alliance has a large dog that attends each meeting of that Alliance and takes his position just outside of the door. Any Alliance man who comes to the door is not disturbed by his dogship, but the moment a non member appears the dog rises to his feet and successfully disputes the right-of-way of the approaching gentleman. It is said that even when at his master's house the dog will allow an Alliance man to walk in unmolested while a stranger to the noble order is compelled to "go slow." Thus it seems that the dog, the devoted friend of man, is in full sympathy with the Farmers' Alliance.

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In all the new and popular shades. Also elegant lines of embroidered Sicillian robes, our prices are as low as it is possible to make them to be consistnt with quality and styles represented in these. In fact ladies will find that we can give them such bargains as cannot be found elsewhere in McKinney.

Our stock of ladies and gent's fine shoes has just been replenished and we can save you money in anything you may wish in this department.

Gentlemen we are fixed in clothing and furnishing goods and we can sell you a handsome suit just as cheap as you want it.

We buy for cash, sell for cash and no one will dispute the fact that this is the only true way to secure goods at their real value. We guarantee to give you the worth of your dollar every time you trade with us.

Our Mr. Murphy, now in New York, is buying an extra large stock because he finds that he can buy goods cheaper for cash than ever before.

Always spend your cash at the Mississippi store and your interest will be protected

With many thanks for past favors we are

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Alliance Lecture.

Last Thursday night a large crowd greeted W. T. Winn at the court-house. Mr. Winn came from Fulton, Ky., and is a son of our fellow-citizen, O. D. Winn. His speech was replete with facts and figures. In a clear and distinct way he reviewed the history of the Alliance. In speaking of the principles of the organization he addressed the merchants and lawyers substantially as follows:

"You, gentlemen, merchants and lawyers, should remember that upon the prosperity of the great producing class depends your own prosperity. Don't discourage the Alliance. If you think they are wrong in some things rather advise them than to scorn them. Give to them the hand of friendship. If you be a lawyer remember that when you first entered upon your practice; when you first hung your shingle out, it was the sturdy, honest farmer that gave you practice and helped to make you, financially, what you are today. If you be a merchant, remember the tired producer of the soil that brought his family to your store and purchased the necessaries of life from your counters. For God's sake, treat him with charity while he is honestly trying to better his condition—trying to ward off the cruel effects of capital. Imagine yourself in his condition to-day, as he toils unceasingly with a scant living as a reward. Again, I repeat, be charitable for the Alliance is not your enemy."

At the close of the address the speaker was the recipient of many congratulations.

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The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

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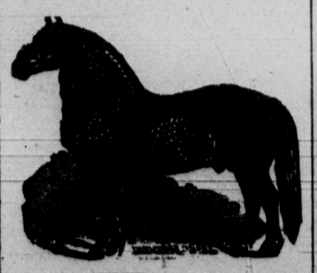

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Arthur Love, manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at E. N. McAuley & Bro's. drug store. Regular sizes 50c and $1.

Notice to Sub-Alliances.

All sub-Alliances that have not made their quarterly report will send it to J. Y. Brooks, secretary County Alliance, Nevada, Tex. Until said report is made the Alliance is not entitled to the semi-annual password. D. C. FLIPPEN,
President County Alliance.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of cough, croup and bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price, 10c., 50c., and $1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or lame back, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

W. T. Hale and John T. Branch were in to see us last Monday. A lawyer happened to be in our office at the same time and quite a lively but friendly discussion took place in which our two Alliance friends were victorious.

For Seven Long Years.

A suffered untold agonies with my left leg which was afflicted with a large ulcer that eat away the flesh, leaving the bone visible, which was attended by the most excruciating pain; so great was the pain that I was forced to take six grains of morphine daily. I was induced to try Dr Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup and after taking nine bottles I can say I am entirely cured, am 65 years old and weigh 177 pounds to-day.—William Curry, Gainesville, Texas.

Speakers of wide reputation have already promised to attend the camp-meeting next July. Just as soon as the invitation committee completes its work the DEMOCRAT will publish the program.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E N McAULAY and Bro

The committee appointed to select grounds for the Alliance campmeeting have made a selection near White's Grove and have secured the right-of-way for a sufficient distance around to have full control.

☞Jewelry very cheap at the Nickel store.

The Teachers' institute will convene at the court-house next Saturday.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

From Woodlawn

WOODLAWN, Feb 16, 1891.
Editor of the Democrat

Writing items for a county paper is an easy task when news is plentiful, but it's quite a task to Chatter Box this time, but will do the best I can.

The Methodist minister, Bro. Angleman, preached to an appreciative audience the night of Feb. 8 His text was the latter portion of the 12th verse in the 1st chapter of 2d Peter. Hereafter he will preach here the 2d Sunday in each month at eleven o'clock. There will also be services at night.

Mr. J. H. Watson paid our neighborhood a hurried business visit last week.

I heard that our former friend and neighbor, Mrs. Lou Brumby, was in very bad health. The prairies do not seem to agree with her. We welcome her to the "brush" at any time.

Mr. J. A. Payne and family of McKinney visited the family of U. R. Berry last week. Come again, John. We like to have the "duck" with us.

The farmers are progressing finely with their crops. So far all seem to be up with land breaking—very near, at least.

Next Sunday, Feb. 22, is the regular day for Bro. Sterrett to peach here.

We passed Mr. Littlejohn on the road and he did not seem to notice us, but as he was riding in his new wagon, I suppose that was the reason.

As Sally Ann wants me to feed the pigs, I will close.
CHATTER BOX.

Specimen Cases.

S.H. Clifford, NewCastle, Wis: was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism. His stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely Sold by E. N. McAuley & Bro.

Major Buck Dead.

Saturday morning last the news was flashed over the city that Major John A. Buck had died during the night. Pneumonia, from which he had suffered over a week, was the cause of his death. Impressive ceremonies were held at the residence of the deceased in the southwest part of the city at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday. A large concourse followed the remains to Pecan Grove cemetery where the last sat rites were performed under the auspicies of the Knights of Honor.

These unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Liver Pills, which are made expressly for sleepless, nervous, dyspeptic sufferers. Price 25 cents.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal inlector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

If you are tired taking the large old fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man can't stand everything. One pill a dose. Try them.

Big Drive.

20 yards mattress tick for $1.
20 yards soft finished 4-4 bleach domestic for $1.
20 yards full standard prints for $1.
10 yards linen chambray for $1.
20 yards good 4 4 brown domestic for $1
20 yards staple check ginghams for $1
At Mississippi store.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, billousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take.

A deaf and dumb (?) man came into the city last Monday, but Sam Burk happened to hear him talking to a stranger and consequently "pulled" the subject of charity.

Fire.

About 11 o'cock Sunday morning the steam laundry was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was given and everybody rushed to the scene. The churches were opening the exercises, but were disturbed by most of the audiences leaving. The fire had reached the roof of the building, but made slow progress owing to the damp condition of the timber. The hook and ladder boys made good time and soon extinguished the flames which did very little damage. The engine and hose boys were promptly on hand, but were not needed.

No one doubts that Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy really cures catarrh, whether the disease be recent or of long standing, because the makers of it clinch their faith in it with a $500 guarantee, which isn't a mere newspaper guarantee, but "on call" in a moment. That moment is when you prove that its makers can't cure you. The reason for their faith is this: Dr. Sage's remedy has proved itself the right cure for ninety-nine out of one hundred cases of catarrh in the head, and the World's Dispensary Medical association can afford to take the risk of you being the one hundredth. The only question is, Are you willing to make the test, if the makers are willing to take the risk? If so, the rest is easy. You pay your druggist 50 cents and the trial begins. If you're wanting the $500 you'll get something better—a cure.

If you feel weak and all worn out take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

We hereby serve notice on Walnut Grove Alliance that we have promised Mr. Branch of Lucas that we will accompany him to his next appointment at that place. We simply give our friends a hint that we wish a place to "bunk."

From Parker.

PARKER, Feb. 14, 1891.
Editor Democrat:

The farmers in our section are taking time by the forelock, and are listing up their cotton land, and sowing oats.

Rev. Mr. Baldrich has been very low for several days with nervous prostration, but is convalescent.

Mr. Lewis has been suffering greatly with a badly bruised hand.

The Wilkins Alliance did not convene last Wednesday night.

Miss Jennie Kennedy has been attacked with neuralgia in her eyes. She has not been able to attend school for nearly a week.

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Alliance Mill Notice.

VINELAND, Feb. 14, 1891.

Having been elected trustee for the stockholders of the Alliance Mill company, I hereby notify all stockholders that their money is now ready. I will be in McKinney on the first and third Saturdays in each month and on the first Monday in each month for some time, for the purpose of paying out the money due said stockholders as per arrangement at the last meeting of stockholders. The stockholders will please bring their stock receipts. D. C. FLIPPEN.
Trustee.

Mr. Dan Flippen tells us about the remarkable trait of a dog in his community. He says that the president of the Bloomdale Alliance has a large dog that attends each meeting of that Alliance and takes his position just outside of the door. Any Alliance man who comes to the door is not disturbed by his dogship, but the moment a non member appears the dog rises to his feet and successfully disputes the right-of-way of the approaching gentleman. It is said that even when at his master's house the dog will allow an Alliance man to walk in unmolested while a stranger to the noble order is compelled to "go slow." Thus it seems that the dog, the devoted friend of man, is in full sympathy with theFarmers' Alliance.

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In all the new and popular shades. Also elegant lines of embroidered Sicillian robes, our prices are as low as it is possible to make them to be consistnt with quality and styles represented in these. In fact ladies will find that we can give them such bargains as cannot be found elsewhere in McKinney.

Our stock of ladies and gent's fine shoes has just been replentished and we can save you money in anything you may wish in this department.

Gentlemen we are fixed in clothing and furnishing goods and we can sell you a handsome suit just as cheap as you want it.

We buy for cash, sell for cash and no one will dispnte the fact that this is the only true way to secure goods at their real value. We guarantee to give you the worth of your dollar every time you trade with us.

Our Mr. Murphy, now in New York, is buying an extra large stock because he finds that he can buy goods cheaper for cash than ever before.

Always spend your cash at the Mississippi store and your interest will be protected

With many thanks for past favors we are
YOURS TRULY,
MURPHY, PERRY & CO.

Alliance Lecture.

Last Thursday night a large crowd greeted W. T. Winn at the court-house. Mr. Winn came from Fulton, Ky., and is a son of our fellow-citizen, O. D. Winn. His speech was replete with facts and figures. In a clear and distinct way he reviewed the history of the Alliance. In speaking of the principles of the organization he addressed the merchants and lawyers substantially as follows:

"You, gentlemen, merchants and lawyers, should remember that upon the prosperity of the great producing class depends your own prosperity. Don't discourage the Alliance. If you think they are wrong in some things rather advise them than to scorn them. Give to them the hand of friendship. If you be a lawyer remember that when you first entered upon your practice; when you first hung your shingle out, it was the sturdy, honest farmer that gave you practice and helped to make you, financially, what you are today. If you be a merchant, remember the tired producer of the soil that brought his family to your store and purchased the necessaries of life from your counters. For God's sake, treat him with charity while he is honestly trying to better his condition—trying to ward off the cruel effects of capital. Imagine yourself in his condition to-day, as he toils unceasingly with a scant living as a reward. Again, I repeat, be charitable for the Alliance is not your enemy."

At the close of the address the speaker was the recipient of many congratulations.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

H. L. Bridge and Mattie Campbell, H. D. Gilbert and Ada May Furr, T. A. Parris and Lelia Lair.

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Indigestion, and Stomach disorders, use BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
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Albert G. Stewart, editor and proprietor of Rockwall News and the rustling agent of the Texas Newspaper Union, was in to see us this morning. Mr. Stewart is a genial, whole-souled gentleman.

Ed Runnion, the professed lightning compositor and future "female impersonator"—our Ed—hit the town this morning after an absence of a few weeks at Abilene. He says "taking the road is not what it's 'cracked' up to be."

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Headache, yet CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS are equally valuable in Constipation, curing and preventing this annoying complaint, while they also correct all disorders of the stomach, stimulate the liver and regulate the bowels. Even if they only cured

HEAD

Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not.

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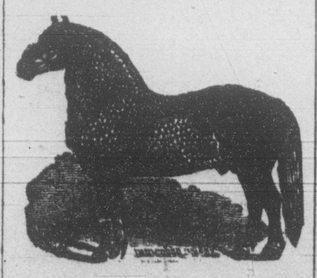

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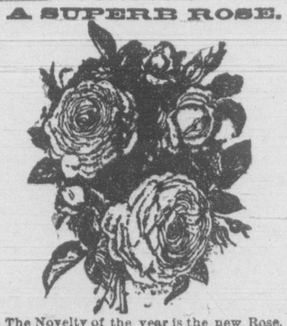

The Novelty of the year is the new Rose, CLOTHILDE SOUPERT. Blooms in clusters; color, outer petals white, shading to a center of rosy pink; continually in bloom. Strong plants, 25 cents each; three for 60 cents, postpaid. Our finely Illustrated Catalogue for '91 mailed free to all. Address, GEO. THOMPSON & SONS, LOUISVILLE, KY. Mention this paper.

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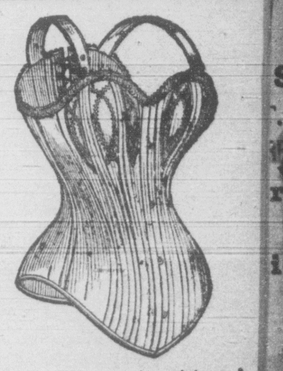

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STORIES OF THE OZARKS.

SOME OF THE WAYS OF THE NATIVES.

Mistaken for a Whitecap Band—A Coon Hunt—The First Bicycle Seen in Chadwick—They Reckon Distance by the Appetite for Firewater.

We stopped for the night at a small Christian county town one evening last August and the host appeared to be very glad to see us. After sitting out in the open air for an hour past dusk, listening to the quaint melody of a jewsharp in the hands of the oldest boy, we were invited to go to bed in the loft. We complied and in ten minutes my companion and I were fast asleep. It was about midnight that a slight noise from below awakened me, and distinguishing voices apparently from the outside of the cabin, I listened intently. "You make er noise on ther inside," I heard one of the voices say, "an' when they jump from up thar I'll shoot."

The horror of the situation struck me in an instant. We were probably taken for revenue officers by desperate bald knobbers who resolved that we should never get away. I lay perfectly still, however, and awaited the noise from the inside. Pretty soon it came. I awakened my companion, and at the same time put my hands upon him and commanded him to lie still. A long silence followed and after some more whispering that was not clear to either of us, the terrific racket inside the house resumed. Still we remained quiet. A moment later two shots rang out, and there followed a shout in a voice that I recognized as being that of my host.

"We gottem, boys, eh?" he yelled.

"Dead sure," was the reply; "they's dead as a mackerel."

We hastened down from the loft and out into the moonlight night. The mountaineers had killed two raccoons that they had run to the roof of the little house.

Who Won the Bet.

The first bicycle had reached Chadwick, and as it stood in its crate on the little depot platform, everybody in town came up to examine it.

"Yer don't mean to say that 'er man kin ride thet thing?" questioned old Silas Prink.

"Thet's whut they say," said long, lank young Simpson. "I ain't seen hit done, but ther agent says hit's easy."

"An' only them many wheels!"

"Two's er nuff."

"I'll bet you my hat hit kaint be did."

"All right," responded Simpson; "putter up."

Just at the moment the arrangements of the wager were completed a dapper young man came up, and with a strong arm pulled the stake from the crate. He took the glittering machine out, gave its pedals a few whirls, nimbly jumped into the saddle and was off like the wind, down the gravel road.

"There!" exclaimed Simpson, before the bicycle had got thirty feet away, "gimme that hat."

It was ill-luck or pride or something else that made the young man run into a small rock, and nature did the rest. The machine stopped and the rider went over into the road. When the doctor got through and put him on the train for home, old Si and Simpson were arguing over who won the bet. He had shown his ability to ride, Simpson said, but the old man still declares that bicycles are a failure.

How He Reckoned Distance.

It was near the Arkansas line in Howell county, on the Mountain Home road, that I was taken up by a native whom I encountered in possession of a shaky old vehicle and two of the poorest oxen I had ever seen. He agreed to take me the rest of my journey for a dollar and "findin's" and so I got up beside the native and we started. In something over half an hour the native began to squirm uneasily. Presently he murmured:

"Aint we 'most thar?"

"Where?" I asked in return.

"Ther fust mile," he returned.

"I don't know," was my reply, "what has that to do with the question of going to Mountain Home?"

"Nothin'," he responded somewhat seriously, only——

Then he stopped and urged the oxen into a brisker gait. If such a thing were at all possible. Five minutes later he again began to squirm.

"Aint this erbout right?" he began.

"For what?" I asked.

"Fer er drink," he broke out.

Then I learned that the average mountaineer measures distance by his appetite. My driver got thirsty every mile. Old timers get thirsty slower and young fellows go further without a smile. When you contract to provide the "findin's" for an Ozark driver, it would be a good idea to learn how much experience he has had.

The Arizona Kicker.

We had business over at the Inbow the other day, and our esteemed contemporary saw in the fact a long-sought opportunity. He sent a messenger around by the river road to get there ahead of us and off the boys $50 to draw our body up to a limb. The boys were ready enough, but when they came to look for the body it wasn't there. We suspected what was brewing and lit out. Do we blame our esteemed contemporary? Not a bit. Every man out this way has his peculiarities, and every other man respects them. We came here and found the field occupied by a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by a wretched apology for a human hyena. In three months we had driven him into a hole, and in six he was the sickest man in all Arizona. He wouldn't be human not to feel hurt in his mind—such a mind as he has. He has shot at us, tried to poison us, set our office on fire, bribed our employes, hired assassins to slay us, and the plot the other day was his latest move. Go in, old boy! Hang an under dog who won't bite, even when he knows he's licked!—Free Press.

Raised Out of the Game.

"We will now," said the preacher, "take up our usual Christmas collection for the poor. I wish to remind the congregation that I am reliably informed the gamblers of this town have boasted they will outdo the churches more than two to one in charity this year. At the gambling house in the block below the sum of $250 was raised yesterday." The organist struck up a hymn, and when the collectors came back with the baskets after making the rounds of the pews it was found that the indignant board of trade men in the audience had contributed enough to bring the collection up to $500. The common gamblers in the block below were beaten out of sight.—Chicago Tribune.

ROPING A SAILOR.

The Safe and Expeditious Manner in Which Japs Capture Riotous Tars.

A sailor ashore has long been hailed as the spirit of prodigality and tumult. In Asiatic ports there are always drinking shops kept by men who, of a former day, were English or American sailors, and in these the jolly tars assemble, drink whisky, sing songs, quarrel and finally overstay their leaves and resolve to desert outright. Captains of ships, whose sailors are ashore tarrying long at the wine, have now and then a very exciting hour getting their men. They manage as follows: An order is made by the consul directed to these drinking shop keepers to turn all of a certain ship's sailors out of their houses and into the streets. They do this promptly, as to disobey or to be lagard about it would result in the revocation of their license. So, all those sailors, drunk or sober, who went down to the sea in the particular ship in question, are cut adrift in the streets. What follows is amusing and one of the stock entertainments of Yokahama, Tokio and other Japanese seaports. While the ejected one with foolish air and ingrained face and profanity and scorn on his lips is going unsteadily about in the streets with all those doors before so wide and hospitable closed in his indignant face, two wary, active and very sober Japs appear. They are about to make a prey of this son of the ocean, the captain of his boat having offered $10 for his capture.

They don't rush up and grapple with him as his tar-stained, salt-hardened fists are capable of blows which would lay up the stoutest Jap for a week. They know a better, safer and more certain way. They bear between them—one at each end—a light, strong cord like a clothesline, some thirty feet long. As they come near the man of their choice, who perchance is carolling a lay—very hiccoughy and fervent—of the deep blue sea, they stretch the rope to its length. At a signal they rush so as to catch the victim near the center of the cord and with incredible swiftness run around him in opposite directions, passing and repassing each other and winding the cursing sailor from neck to ankle. By the time they cease for lack of longer rope, his arms are bound tight to his sides, his legs are tight together, everything is tied down except his tongue. Jack was never so utterly helpless in his life.

Then the phlegmatic Japs—with no trace of excitement, for with them it is merely business—taking one the heels and the other the head of the captive mariner, like a sack of grain carry him to the wharf. Here the Japs get their $10 and go back to seek for more. The bibulous one is fast all corded and bound in the bottom of the boat, and his thongs are not removed until he is laid safe on the deck of his own vessel. As many as a dozen of these plethoric recalcitrants may be seen in one merry boat load going to their ship.

An Old Letter.

Dark and stained is the paper
Stained as by many a tear.
Faded and dim is the writing
Traced in a long past year.
Yet oh! how vivid and vital
How bright with love's purest ray
Is every page of the letter
We read with moist eye today!

As the sun-ripened fruit of the vintage
Lives in the sparkling wine,
So the soul of the vanished writer
Glows in each eloquent line.
His noble and kindly emotions,
His sentiments tender and true
Are here, like remembered music
That thrilled us when life was new.

How sweet are the fond recollections
These faded leaflets inclose!
Sweet as the lingering fragrance
That clings to a withering rose.
Yet sweet with a tender sadness
That tells of summer gone!
Of joys that bloomed but to perish
And hopes that dawned but to die.

Dear record of days departed!
We read you o'er and o'er,
You are now like a voice of greeting
From some far, unseen shore.
Over the ridges of sorrow
Over a sea of gloom,
The voice says—"Love is immortal
And lives beyond the tomb."

An Indian Brave's Joke.

Two young women were alone one day in Yankton, when a young Indian known whom they knew came to see one of the house. The man was gone and the Indian sat down to wait for him. During this interval the girls being of a lively turn, began asking him questions about his former mode of life, among other things they asked him to give a war-whoop and show them how he scalped people, but he gave no answer. Some time after, when they were talking of other subjects and had forgotten all about him, he sprang up suddenly, gave a war whoop that made the housetop ring, then snatching a big knife that lay on the table with one hand, he took the top-knot of one of the girls in the other and ran the back of the knife around her scalp. They were each scalped in this manner, and were nearly frightened out of their wits, but he sat down and began to laugh, and told them he had done what they had asked him to do. They soon recovered from the shock and laughed heartily at the Indian's joke.

Wanted a Simple Meal.

A dilapidated swell, who plainly had more dignity than money, entered Delmonico's dining room a few evenings ago, and after scanning the menu card given him by the pompous waiter, asked: "What is your cheapest dish?" "Codfish and cream; forty cents, sir," said the waiter. "How much without the cream?" queried the hungry swell. "Same price," answered the waiter. "Well, bring me the cream," ordered the stranger, with a satisfied air.—New York Journal.

A Disappointing Inventory.

Doodle—Did you not hear what I said, Miss Mabel? I said that I loved you; loved you with all my soul, my mind, my every thought.

Miss Mabel—Yes, I know; but that all seems so little.

SNOW, HAIL AND STEAM.

SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR MANY PECULIARITIES.

Snow and Hail Are the Self-same Thing with Slight Variation in Formation—Steam Is Nothing More nor Less than Simply Likewise.

Falling snow in this latitude, says the Philadelphia Times, seems as light as the down from a duck's breast. As they see it in some countries, however, it is not so light nor so harmless in its descent. Snow and hail are the same thing, with the exception that the former is made slowly and the latter quickly. Vapor slowly acted upon by a current of cold air produces snow, while an extremely cold current suddenly introduced into a heavy mass of vapor produces hail. In some countries it is very common for these extremes of heat and cold to come together in the atmosphere, and the result is hailstorms that are sometimes very destructive.

In India the falling hailstones are seldom smaller than walnuts, and sometimes they are as large as pumpkins. But what would you think of a hailstone as large as a cooking-stove? There is an account of one well vouched for, that fell in Hungary on May 8, 1802, measuring three feet in length and nearly two feet thick. A block of hail fell in England, in 1849, which a local newspaper described as "of irregular shape and nearly twenty feet in circumference."

Of course all exceptionally large hailstones are simply aggregations of smaller ones that happen to come together in their descent and freeze into one mass while passing through a stratum of very cold air.

But if you want to learn how utterly weak the efforts of the poets are, in their descriptions of "the beautiful snow," just use a microscope to view a snowflake. It is made up of many patterns, all symmetrical and incomparably beautiful. There are perfect six-pointed stars and plates of many exquisite forms studded with needle-shaped crystals. Then there are prismatic forms emitting delicate rays composing all the colors of the rainbow.

The halos that we sometimes see round the sun and the moon, with the faint blending of prismatic colors, are caused by the light falling on strata of either vapor or snow particles at high altitudes. The best authorities seem to think that these strata are necessarily snow, because they are certainly above the level at which the temperature would naturally convert vapor into snow.

Did you ever see steam? Almost anybody that has seen a locomotive, or even a teakettle, would probably characterize the question as absurd. Nevertheless, you can't see steam. The white substance that you see near the spout of a teakettle for instance, is exactly the same substance that was first put into the kettle—water. What is commonly thought to be escaping steam is simply a mass of little globules condensed from steam by the air into which the steam escapes. Steam is as transparent air. It is really a gas evolved from water. A cubic inch of water expands to vast proportions when converted into gas or steam, as we usually call it, and this expansion makes the power that drives the locomotive and which would burst the tea kettle if it were not for the open spout and the safety valve lid.

Here is something about steam that possibly you don't know. It doesn't need a boat-making substance to generate steam. Snow, ice and water give off water at every temperature. Steam used for propelling locomotives, for example, is generated rapidly by the combustion of coal or wood and the quick expansion produces the power. Steam naturally escaping from ice or water at a temperature of say sixty degrees is precisely the same as that which coal or wood heats up to the boiling point.

Of course you know that water begins to freeze at thirty-two degrees above zero, but do you know that ice will form naturally, under certain conditions, at a temperature of forty-five degrees above zero? In parts of India, where freezing temperature is rarely experienced, the natives secure ice in this way: On layers of straw they place shallow, porous, earthen pots, which they fill with water early in the afternoon. These porous pots reduce the temperature of the water by absorption before night. The freezing point is then reached by radiation, which intensifies the cold, bringing the temperature to thirty-two degrees or lower.

In this way ice is secured in large quantities in thickness more than an inch and then these layers are frozen into blocks by water poured over them. Thus we see that the poor heathen of India, of whom we hear so much, know a thing or two that even some of us highly enlightened people never dreamed of.

A Lawyer's Story.

The following story was told by one of Chicago's prominent lawyers. No other proof of its truthfulness could be desired: "It was when I used to practice law in a little town near the center of the state," said he. "A farmer had one of his neighbors arrested for stealing ducks, and I was employed by the accused to endeavor to convince the court that such was not the case. The plaintiff was positive his neighbor was guilty of the offense charged against him, because he had seen the duck in defendant's yard. 'How do you know they are your ducks?' I asked. 'O, I should know my own ducks anywhere,' replied the farmer, and he went into a detailed description of the different peculiarities whereby he readily distinguishes them from others. 'Why,' said I, 'those ducks can't be such a rare breed; I have some just like them in my own yard.' 'That's not at all unlikely,' replied the farmer, 'for they are not the only ducks I have had stolen lately.' Then I called the next witness."

Soon Become Americanized.

Clubs composed of foreigners exist in all the big cities of the world. They are nearly all prosperous, except in the city of New York. English clubs which have been founded there from time to time have failed, and the Canadian club found it necessary to throw off its restrictions on membership and admit other persons than Canadians before it became successful. The French societies in New York have a very liberal percentage of American members, and the German clubs are all rapidly becoming American institutions. In London there are two clubs which are exclusively American in membership and management, and there are good English clubs in Berlin and Vienna.

A BAD COMBINE.

It Is the School-Book Trust, Known as the "Big Four."

The latest combine reported is between publishing houses for the purpose of controlling the price of school books. For a number of years past there have been efforts made in this direction, but until recently no definite understanding or agreement has been consummated. It is now understood that the three largest concerns in the country have joined together and propose to dictate the educational status of the rising generation. This monopoly reaches much further than a casual glance discloses. It not only makes the price, but absolutely dictates the quality. It is intended not only to rob the purchaser, but to beggar the author. When competition was in order, every new device or improvement in educational work was eagerly accepted. Teachers and scholars alike shared in the benefits. With the combine this is changed. The cheapest is as good as the best. Superiority of matter and manufacture will give way to a disregard for either, which, in the end, will be highly injurious to the educational system of this country. This monopoly will no doubt enrich those engaged in operating it, but it will be at the expense of the material educational advancement of the people. This form of trust appeals directly to the moral sentiment of every citizen, and the outcome will show how honest and deep-rooted that sentiment is. The time has evidently come when a vigorous protest is demanded against a condition that permits such entire disregard of all the rights of every branch of society in its efforts to gather profits. In the near future it is possible that the march of science, art and literature may find its further progress checked by the greed of some such monopoly or combine. If the friends of civilization do not at once begin war upon this attempt to curtail intelligence, then the fact will be established that nearly all human desire is swallowed up in the blind struggle for gain.—National Citizens Alliance.

Must Be a Candidate.

Senator Vance, of North Carolina, unquestionably the champion story-teller of the senate, writes a New York Tribune correspondent, has a broad stripe of Calvinism down his back, though he is not a communicant in the church. It is told of him that riding along in Buncombe county one day he overtook a venerable darkey, with whom he thought to have a little fun.

"Uncle," said the governor, "are you going to church?"

"No, sah, not exactly—I'm gwine back from church."

"You're a Baptist, I reckon, now, ain't you?"

"No, sah, I ain't no Baptist, do most of the brederen and sisters about here has been under de water."

"Methodist, then?"

"No, sah. I ain't no Melodis, nudder."

"Campbellite?"

"No, sah. I can't arrogate to myself de Capbellite way of thinkin'."

"Well, what in the name of goodness are you then?" rejoined the governor, remembering the narrow range in choice in religions among North Carolina negroes.

"Well, de fac' is, sah, my old marster was a Herrald of the Cross in the Presbyterian church, and I was fotch up in dat faith."

"What! You don't mean it? Why, that is my church."

The negro making no comment on this announcement, Governor Vance went at him again.

"And do you believe in all of the Presbyterian creed?"

"Yes, sah, dat I does."

"Do you believe in the doctrine of predestination?"

"I don't know dat I recognize de name, sah."

"Why, do you believe that if a man is elected to be saved he will be saved, and that if he is elected to be damned he will be damned?"

"Oh, yes, boss, I believe dat. It's gospel talk, dat is."

"Well, now, take my case. Do you believe that I am elected to be saved?"

The old man struggled for a moment with his desire to be respectful and polite, and then shook his head dubiously.

"Come, now, answer my question," pressed the governor. "What do you say?"

"Well—I tell you what 'tis, Marse Zeb: Ise been libin' in dis hyah world nigh on sixty years, and I neber yit hyard of any man beln' 'lected 'doubt he was a candidate."

Another Young George Washington.

The bottle of glycerine and whisky, kept in a Chicago house solely for the cure of colds, has been found empty. When last seen it had contained enough for two or three doses. A search was made for the culprit who emptied it.

While the inquiries were in progress Willie sat in one corner of the room reading a newspaper. It came his turn at last.

"Willie," said his mother, "did you drink this?"

No answer. He was too deeply interested in the newspaper.

"Willie," repeated his mother, "did you drink this?"

"Drink what?" he answered, looking up abstractedly.

"The mixture that was in this bottle."

"What was it?"

"Glycerine and whisky. You know what it was. Did you drink it?"

"Yes mamma," he said fearlessly. "I drank it. "I'd rather drink a whole bottle of whisky than tell a lie about it."

Harsh Injustice.

Housekeeper (sharply): "Well, what do you want? The idea of an able-bodied man like you going around begging." Tramp (from Boston): "You do me injustice, mum. I'm no beggin', mum, but beln' as I'm temporarily unable to realize on me assets I'm endeavorin' ter negotiate a loan, mum."

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

SOME ERRORS OF THOSE WHO KEEP POULTRY.

An Argument in Favor of Raising Regular Crops of Potatoes—Something New About Oats—Interesting Items for Beekeepers—Household Hints, Etc.

Errors in Keeping Poultry.

Although there are many widely different breeds of fowls, adapted more or less to the varied wants of the farmer, there are some general rules for their management which are applicable everywhere. One serious error is the common custom of keeping hens until they become too old for profit, because they were choice birds and good layers when young. A hen of any breed will lay only about half as many eggs the second year after she commences laying. All fowls kept by a farmer after they are 2 years old are kept at a loss, so far as the money is concerned. When a whole flock is allowed to run without killing off the old ones and replacing them by pullets, disease is sure to attack them. If the plan of keeping only pullets is once followed I am sure that no farmer will ever abandon it. Another bad practice is that of allowing fowls to become wild, so that they are afraid of any one and hide away their nests and the few chickens they hatch lose their lives for want of food. To be sure, chickens hatched late in the summer and brought up in the fields by a wild mother are hardy, but this practice is not profitable as the cost of wintering exceeds the summer returns. As a general rule, however, summer chickens are more profitable than the very early ones, as they get a more varied diet, better exercise and are healthier in every way. But fowls to be profitable must be kept tame. If, however, the chickens are to be grown for sale, for breeding or for show purposes, it is necessary that the chickens should be hatched as early in the season as possible, so that they may attain full growth and fecundity by fall.—Am. Agriculturist.

Potato Growing Profitable.

There is probably no farm crop in which inexperienced farmers suffer greater disappointments than in potatoes. They read in the papers of large yields, and observing that the market price is high, a great many rush into the business, and of course overdo it. This is cause number one. Potato culture in these times requires a great fund of practical experience. It also requires the man who begins it to be prompt with every demand, whether it be in cultivation, in bug poisoning, and in late years in spraying the vines to prevent mildew and blight, which are the usual causes of rotting of the crop. It is no wonder with so many things to attend to that some are neglected. Hence potatoes are commonly deemed a precarious crop. Accidents of season excepted, they need not be. We believe it possible every year to grow potato crops that will pay larger profit than any grain crop, provided the proper conditions are fulfilled.

In the first place the farmer who would grow potatoes extensively must be near a market, by which we mean a good shipping station where there is enough competition to insure fair prices. Farmers who are within three or four miles of freight cars can draw two and sometimes three loads per day. When the distance is so far that only one load per day can be drawn, it adds heavily to the expense of marketing, and requires a high price to make the crop pay. This high price cannot always be depended on. Every few years the potato market is liable to be glutted, and only those who keep expenses down so as to be able to market cheaply can come out without loss.—Am. Cultivator.

Buckwheat for Stock.

An inquirer asks if buckwheat is good for stock. That depends. For the feathered stock most emphatically yes. For cattle and hogs not always, rarely for the latter. The hull of the buckwheat is not digestible, and hence is not fit for food. The bran or the buckwheat when run through the mill should have the hulls taken out. The hulls will cause piles in pigs. Hulls are valuable to use as absorbants in the manure pile, but not otherwise. The colored part of the grain, the yellow part next to the hull, is rich in nitrogen, and is excellent for making growth in animals. This cannille will make plenty of milk, but it will be short in butter fat, and the fats will be soft and white. Buckwheat will make poor butter. It should be mixed with yellow corn meal—with some bran to make the food healthier, or to make the required waste material. The cannille is a concentrated food—too much so, too, to be fed alone. The white part of the kernel is the starch, and this makes the white flour. Buckwheat cannille is good food for all young animals if mixed half and half with bran—a little linseed meal added will improve the ration. For fattening a grown animal add corn meal.

Field Experiment With Oats, 1890.

The Illinois Experiment Station bulletin says: The largest yield of grain was produced from sowing two and one-half bushels of seed. A fairly compact seed-bed gave the best results. The time of sowing has had in these tests a more marked influence on the yield than any other condition. The earlier sowings, with one exception, the earliest, have uniformly given the best yields. The yield was not materially affected by the length, plumpness, or by the weight of the berry or the weight per bushel. Those varieties with long, slender berries and light weight per bushel contained appreciably the largest per cent kernel. In other words, those varieties which would have sold best on the market, or, what is less important, would have taken the premium at fairs, did not yield better than the other varieties and did not have so high a food value.

Agricultural Atoms.

Take care of the weeds. Those gathered in the screenings may be boiled for the pigs, which should be the only use made of them. Every weed seed should be taken care of if possible, and those that are brought from the neighbor's farm by the winds should be made the subject of a kindly expostulation.

A little oil is a constant requisite in the farm practice. On the machine it makes easy work and saves wear; on the wagons it avoids the horrible squeaking which chills the blood; it smooths everything, and a little oil on one's manners and tongue will make things all over the farm and the dwelling go so smoothly as to make life worth living. Always have a little oil on hand ready for all uses.

It is never worth while to quarrel with a neighbor over the fence. If anything goes wrong, stray fowls in the garden, small pigs in the field, sprouts on the newly sown seed, or any other small matter, it is far better to suffer it than be at enmity with a next neighbor. One neighborly service will even weigh a score of these little trifles, and no one knows when such a service may be invaluable to themselves.

Bee Notes.

By the color of the honey and the aroma therefrom, an experienced bee keeper can determine the source from whence it came. Thus it is very easy to tell buckwheat honey by its very dark look and by its strong and pungent odor. Honey dew honey has the same dark look but lacks the odor or aroma. In fact there was little or no aroma about this honey dew. For this reason no bee-keeper need be deceived as to the source of such odorless honey.

Scientists tell us that odors of flowers do not, as a general rule, exist in them as a store, or as a gland but are developed as an exhalation. While the flower breathes it yields fragrance, but kill the flower and the fragrance ceases. It seems, then, that the odors are simply exhalations dependent upon essential oils and upon vapor impregnated with matter and cannot, therefore, be considered as such, and we have yet to learn that these exhalations are visible, or leave the least stains; and while it is well known that they combine with various fatty matters, they do not sensibly increase their weight or bulk. Thus, no matter how much our nice clover or linden honey may perfume our room in which it is placed, the quantity of honey is never materially less.

Hints to Dairymen.

Stop the expense of bad handling. You must handle a dairy cow not as if she were a steer, but as a loving mother. You want to make money out of her motherhood; then handle her, shelter her, feed her and treat her generally as a mother should be handled, sheltered and treated. If you don't know how a mother should be treated, ask your wife or your mother.

Stop this expensive summer dairying—keeping cows on expensive pasture and getting nothing for the milk—just because there are thousands of other men just like you who had rather milk a cow in summer and make nothing, than to go into winter dairying and make a fair profit. Give up all these cranky old notions about dairying and proceed to measure the business from the dollar standpoint, just as any other manufacturer does.

It costs just as much to support the carcass of a cow that is running you in debt as it does one that is giving you $50 a year profit. Not one farmer in a hundred ever tested his cows to know which were the ones that were "keeping him out of house and home." How is he to act if he don't know, and how is he to know if he does not put forth intelligent effort to know. There is scarcely a dairyman in the land who is not keeping two cows to do the work of one. Ask any of the progressive dairymen you know, and they will tell you that about their first step in cutting down useless expense was to get a better cow. Buy her, breed her, get her anyway you choose, but be sure and get her.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Cold meats are generally found more easy of digestion than warm ones.

Set a dish of water in the oven with cakes when baking and they will seldom scorch.

Salt and water, quite strong, and used persistently for a time, will prevent the hair from falling out.

After cleaning brass, tin, etc., with paste, rub up with a duster, and finish with thin, dry paper. This polish will last as long again.

Salt as a tooth-powder is better than almost any other dentifrice. It keeps the teeth very white, the gums hard and rosy, and the breath fresh.

For neuralgia, make a small muslin bag, fill it with salt, heat it very hot and lay it against the aching place. It will prove a great relief, as salt retains the heat a long time.

All should know that the bee does not make honey, but simply gathers it from the flowers, when it obtains its sweets from sugar, it deposits sugar syrup in the cells, not honey, and no amount of manipulation by the bees can make it into anything else but sugar syrup.

Not only for its flavor, but for health's sake, a dish of apple sauce goes with roast pork; in addition may be served one or several of the following vegetables: Potatoes, white and sweet, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts or spinach, tomatoes, turnips, vegetables, oysters, boiled rice or hominy.

To mend china take a very thick solution of gum arabic and water, and stir into it plaster of Paris until the mixture becomes a viscous paste. Apply it with a brush to the fractured edges and stick them together. In three days the article cannot be broken in the same place. The whiteness of this cement renders it doubly valuable.

Build a silo, so that your milk feed shall cost you less. Build it sufficiently large so you can have ensilage enough to feed in summer and fall when the pasturage dries up. That will keep your cows up to their best flow, so you can have milk to do business with in late fall and winter, when prices of butter are highest. That's good economy.

In every case of injury, in cuts, stabs and gunshot wounds, in contusions, sprains, dislocations and fractures, in burns, frostbites and frozen members, the first measure to be adopted is the application of cold in the form of ice, snow or cold water. These substances are best applied in an animal bladder or a rubber bag. When towels wet in cold water are used, they require to be renewed every minute. For, unless frequently changed, they really act as poultices to the part inviting what we wish to prevent. Cold not only stanches any bleeding which may occur, unless the hemorrhage is altogether too severe, but it also moderates the pain of inflammation.

THE ALLIANCE.

CONTEMPORANEOUS NOTES.

The Industrial Educator, Fort Worth, Tex., says: Contrast the Alliance principles as we have them from the Ocala conference with the average old party platform. It reminds one of a clear, bright sunrise in contrast with a dark, foggy morning.

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Farmers' Voice: All intelligent men know, that the influence of rich corporations, and millionaire aggregations, is all powerful in the selection of judges, administrative officials and legislators. At the present time it is practically impossible for any man to be either appointed or elected to office, who is known to be hostile to monopolistic money power.

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Farmers' Voice: Law is said to be based on common sense, and should not be above the comprehension of men of average intelligence and ordinary schooling. This should be emphatically true in the case of the legal system of a democracy, for when a veil of Egyptian mystery is thrown around the laws of a free country, the liberties of its people are in danger. When a small caste of attorneys are created into a sacred priesthood of the law, and by common consent are held to be its only authorized interpreters to the vulgar herd then you may get ready to bid a long farewell to popular freedom and prosperity.

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Tennessee Farmer: The farmers organizations of the country have brought the politicians to realize the fact that the farmer may and will probably be an important factor in the outcome of the office seeking fraternity and it would be amusing if it were not ridiculous to note with what zeal these aspiring statesmen pat the farmer on the back and declare their over-shadowing interest in him and his calling. The purpose and genius of the Farmer's Alliance is all right—if developed in its true spirit it is bound to produce a wonderful revolution. Its existence is a necessity, and the scope of its work is as wide and patriotic as is the farming and commercial world.

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Midland Journal, Rising Sun, Md.: The silver and gre'nback men are pushing the gold ring men in congress to the wall with argument. Facts have overthrown their ancient fictions, that silver would drive gold out of the country. More money is needed to conduct the growing business of the country and the gold bugs are at last compelled to admit this fact, but they fight silver against the demands of the people and the logic of common sense. The reason is plain. The men in power are a part and parcel of the speculating gold ring. They can buy more with their interest when prices are low and money scarce, than when business is brisk and prices advanced. When the representatives of the gold ring are turned out of congress and representatives of the people are placed in control, prosperity will return to the industrial class.

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Progressive Farmer, Mt. Vernon, Ill.: You cannot always tell who is a true reformer by the noise he makes. Candidacy and office are an excellent test. We have known reform candidates who, after being elected, forgot all about reform. These were reformers for the loaves and fishes. We have known others who, after being defeated, suddenly saw there was not much in the movement anyway; the members would not stick, and the whole thing was being manipulated by certain persons for certain purposes, and the sooner the people got out of it the better. There are reformers who hoped to use the movement for personal profit, and failing in that, it had no further charm to them. But the man who, whether elected or defeated, is the same earnest advocate of reform, the same defender of right and justice, the same untiring worker for God and humanity, this is the true reformer, the man it is safe to tie to.

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The Farmer's Voice, Alexandria, La.: It is surprising that so large a number of the newspapers of our country entirely ignore the great civil revolution that is going on. There are millions of the voters of the country who are required that there shall be a change in the government policy, and it is the duty of those who are competent to do so, to direct this civil revolution into channels of safety, and that will bring blessings to the land instead of curses. The muttering thunders will not be hushed by ignoring them. The storm has gathered, and it is best to discharge the superabundant electrical fluid through means that will avert the cyclone. Silence will not suffice, sophistry will not turn the course of events. The people are restless and determined. They can no longer be deceived by their old teachers. They have learned lessons they cannot forget in a generation. The men who think this uprising of the people is a morning fog that will be dispelled by the uprising sun are not in position to judge of its extent, power or intensity.

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Lake County Independent, Madison, S. D.: Whatever politicians or so-called statesmen may do in regard to the money question, economic thinkers, the ablest men of the time realize the danger of the present system and are groping for a solution. Of course, most of these are of the aristocratic training and mind, and have their aristocratic prejudices to overcome in granting any relief to the masses. The conflict between justice and prejudice in an intelligent man's mind is very clearly illustrated in the following from the address of Frances A. Walker, president of the American Economic Association, before that body recently. He is one of the ablest students of statistics and political economy in the United States: If, of an irredeemable and fluctuating currency, that alcohol of commerce, it may be truly said, "It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," with equal truth it may be added that strangulation and suffocation are words not too strong to express the agony of the industrial body when embraced in the fast tightening folds of a contracting supply.

Farmers Create It.

Farmers create seven-eighths of the wealth of the country, pay seven-eighths of the taxes, directly and indirectly, and still they are in debt to money lenders more than they can ever pay under the present system. The wealth producer is the debtor, while the non-producer is the creditor. The government loans to the national banker $35,000,000 at 1 per cent, and these in turn loan it to the farmers at from 8 to 20. No wonder the farmer is in debt when the government has entered into a co-partnership with usurers to keep him in debt.—Industrial Age.

The coal man, in his way, should make a first-class light-weight pugilist.—Philadelphia Times.

THE FOSTERING CARE

The Dangerous Power of Money to Weak.

While every demand made Alliance is founded upon ultim the necessity and correctne one asking for an increase of among the people can be demonstrated to the entire sa of all candid thinking individu statistics of the past quarter c tury prove the following pro beyond a question of doubt:

1. That the per capita v currency has been constantly terially lessened.

2. That bankruptcy and have rapidly multiplied in con

3. That the national debt d period has increased instead diminished.

It now remains for me to ate the above statements, su Dunning in the National E which I will undertake to do a and plainly as the facts and e permit. The question of the currency in circulation is one essarily involves a resort to e timates, which should be fa carefully considered. It has however, become a prime partisan politics and financial which subjects it to all the statements and false assumpt usually accompany a discu financial propositions under conditions. The ordinary reader times led to mistake high phrases and uncommon words argument, and as a result be led in an opinion without to give the shadow of telligent reason therefor. mistake is frequently made considering the distinctions government officials from statistics as absolutely correct the exact reverse has been many instances. If the far apply the same kind of considering the volume of that he does to his corn crib barrel, approximately correct sions would be easily obtain was desirable to know how m been fed to the stock or con the family, it would be hard ascertain what remained in th barrel, and assume that the had been used by the stock especially when more or less loaned or sold to others. Jus the government; it manufactur fiat of law certain amounts of and when asked to give th which is circulating among it subtracts the amount from the quantity man and declares the to be in circulation. plain fact is either overlooke nored that certain stringent on the statute books which demand that certain other this currency shall be locked held as reserves, and conse in any sense in circulation; portions have been lost, destro out of the country or used purposes. Herein lies exp canker that has eaten out the national prosperity, and left ple nothing but the shell of ment and discouragement. money can increase so alarm its power over the products what may not money loaned rates of interest bring about thing must be done to check strous evil. Something must to even up the conditions bet who can command the use and those who cannot.

Get In Line.

A member of congress from said to a reporter at Washing days ago, when asked how th cratic party in Georgia sto party is all right except that it hurt by the Alliance, but don't I said so." "The Alliance can that, for it knows that when a likely to be discharged for a formance of duty he must bar body. But is the Alliance w form and principles heeded in justice, hurting any party? It Alliance is not to blame, but Truth and justice are eternal changeable. The safest thing party to do is to get in that li can't be hurt.—Georgia Alli

The Three Issues.

Land, transportation and fi the three living issues of Aliens should not and must n lowed to own our lands. should float over the domain Ican citizens, not of foreign l lines of transportation must a complete and just governme or the government must o The finances of the country gin in the interest of the pe not in the interest of banks a holders.—Alliance Farmer.

In Whose Grip.

Some one always has you throat, unless you have som in your grip. I wonder if t attitude the Almighty intend spectable creatures to take another.—William Dean H Hayard of New Fortunes.

Dreams of Deaf-Mutes.

An expert West Philadelp cian, in talking of the dre deaf and dumb, remarked: ing institutions for the bli deaf. I have made inquiry never found an instance of born deaf, or of a child wh hearing before he was fou age, dreaming of hearing. results of recent inquiries, I following from the princip State institution of the blind at St. Augustine, Fla.: "I h question the deaf children whether they have ever hearing, and the invariable "No." I have asked the s tion of upward of fifty de with the same result, except person interrogated had lo ing after learning to talk. mentioned are all grown some education who unde question fully, and are ve that they had never dreame ing more than a rumbling Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Comforting Reflection.

Pat wanted a position und ernment, and on being to must be prepared to pass a examination, applied himself to the necessary preparat time later his ambition for ferment seemed to have de

"What is the matter, P his former employer. "C pass the examination?"

"I could that," he repli swered every question co But," he added, his natura to his rescue, "I guess the knew too much to be ever trustin' window."—Free Magazine.

STORIES OF THE OZARKS.

SOME OF THE WAYS OF THE NATIVES.

Mistaken for a Whiteeap Band—A Coon Hunt—The First Bicycle Seen in Chadwick—They Reckon Distance by the Appetite for Firewater.

We stopped for the night at a small Christian county house one evening last August and the host appeared to be very glad to see us. After sitting out in the open air for an hour past dusk, listening to the quaint melody of a jewsharp in the hands of the oldest boy, we were invited to go to bed in the loft. We complied and in ten minutes my companion and I were fast asleep. It was about midnight that a slight noise from below awakened me, and distinguishing voices apparently from the outside of the cabin, I listened intently. "You make er noise on ther inside," I heard one of the voices say, "an' when they jump from up thar I'll shoot."

The horror of the situation struck me in an instant. We were probably taken for revenue officers by desperate mild knobbers who resolved that we should never get away. I lay perfectly still, however, and awaited the noise from the inside. Pretty soon it came. I awakened my companion, and at the same time put my hands upon him and commanded him to lie still. A long silence followed and after some more whispering that was not clear to either of us, the terrific racket inside the house resumed. Still we remained quiet. A moment later two shots rang out, and there followed a shout in a voice that I recognized as being that of my host.

"We gotem, boys, eh?" he yelled.

"Dead sure," was the reply. "They's dead as a mackerel."

We hastened down from the loft and out into the moonlight night. The mountaineers had killed two raccoons that they had run to the roof of the little house.

Who Won the Bet.

The first bicycle had reached Chadwick, and as it stood in its crate on the little depot platform, everybody in town came up to examine it.

"Yer don't mean to say that 'er man kin ride thet thing?" questioned old Silas Prink.

"Thet's whut they say," said long, lank young Simpson. "I ain't seen hit done, but ther agent says hit's easy."

"An' only them many wheels."

"Two's er nuff."

"I'll bet you my hat hit kaint be did."

"All right," responded Simpson. "Putter up."

Just at the moment the arrangements of the wager were completed a dapper young man came up, and with a strong arm pulled the slats from the crate. He took the glittering machine out, gave its pedals a few whirls, nimbly jumped into the saddle and was off like the wind down the gravel road.

"There!" exclaimed Simpson, before the bicycle had got thirty feet away, "g'imme that hat."

It was ill-luck or pride or something else that made the young man run into a small rock, and nature did the rest. The machine stopped and the rider went over into the road. When the doctor got through and put him on the train for home, old Si and Simpson were arguing over who won the bet. He had shown his ability to ride, Simpson said, but the old man still declares that bicycles are a failure.

How He Reckoned Distance.

It was near the Arkansas line in Howell county, on the Mountain Home Road, that I was taken up by a native whom I encountered in possession of a shaky old vehicle and two of the poorest oxen I had ever seen. He agreed to take me the rest of my journey for a dollar and "findin's," and so I got up beside the native and we started. In something over half an hour the native began to squirm uneasily. Presently he murmured:

"Ain't we 'most thar?"

"Where?" I asked in return.

"Ther fust mile," he returned.

"I don't know," was my response; "what has that to do with the question of going to Mountain Home?"

"Nothin'," he responded, relapsing gloomily into ——

Then he stopped his horse for over an hour to loosen a tricky girth. If such a thing were at all possible. Five minutes later he again began to squirm.

"Ain't this erbout right?" he began.

"For what?" I asked.

"Fer or drink," he broke out.

Then I learned that the average mountaineer measures distance by his appetite. My driver got thirsty every mile. Old timers get thirsty oftener and young fellows go further without a smile. When you contract to provide the "findin's" for an Ozark driver, it would be a good idea to learn how much experience he has had.

The Arizona Kiote.

We had business over at the Elbow the other day, and our esteemed contemporary saw in the fact a long-sought opportunity. He sent a messenger around by the river road to get there ahead of us and off the boys $50 to draw our body up to a limb. The boys were ready enough, but when they came to look for the body it wasn't there. We suspected what was brewing and lit out. Do we blame our esteemed contemporary? Not a bit. Every man out this way has his peculiarities, and every other man respects them. We came here and found the field occupied by a wretched apology for a weekly paper, conducted by a wretched apology for a human hyena. In three months we had driven him into a hole, and in six he was the sickest man in all Arizona. He wouldn't be human not to feel hurt in his mind—such a mind as he has. He has shot at us, tried to poison us, set our office on fire, bribed our employes, hired assassins to slay us, and the plot the other day was his latest move. Go in, old boy! Hang an under dog who won't bite, even when he knows he's licked!—Free Press.

Raised Out of the Game.

"We will now," said the preacher, "take up our usual Christmas collection for the poor. I wish to remind the congregation that I am reliably informed the gamblers of this town have boasted they will outdo the churches more than two to one in charity this year. At the gambling house in the block below the sum of $250 was raised yesterday." The organist struck up a hymn, and when the collectors came back with the baskets after making the rounds of the pews it was found that the indignant board of trade men in the audience had contributed enough to bring the collection up to $500. The common gamblers in the block below were beaten out of sight.—Chicago Tribune.

ROPING A SAILOR.

The Safe and Expeditious Manner in Which Japs Capture Riotous Tars.

A sailor ashore has long been hailed as the spirit of prodigality and tumult. In Asiatic ports there are always crimping shops kept up by men who, of a former day, were English or American sailors, and in these the jolly tars assemble, drink whisky, sing songs, quarrel, and finally overstay their leaves and resolve to desert outright. Captains of ships whose sailors are ashore tarrying long at the wine, have now and then a very exciting hour getting their men. They manage as follows: An order is made by the consul directed to these drinking shop keepers to turn all of a certain ship's sailors out of their houses and into the streets. They do this promptly, as to disobey or to be laggard about it would result in the revocation of their license. So, all those sailors, drunk or sober, who went down to the sea in the particular ship in question, are cut adrift in the streets. What follows is amusing and one of the stock entertainments of Yokahama, Tokio and other Japanese seaports. While the ejected one with tousled hair and profanity and scorn on his lips is going unsteadily about in the streets with all those doors before so wide and hospitable closed in his indignant face, two wary, active and very sober Japs appear. They are about to make a prey of this son of the ocean, the captain of his boat having offered $10 for his capture.

They don't rush up and grapple with him as his bar-stained, sail-hardened fists are capable of blows which would lay up the stoutest Jap for a week. They know a better, safer and more certain way. They bear between them—one at each end—a light, strong cord like a clothesline, some thirty feet long. As they come near the man of their choice, who perchance is carolling a lay—some bibouchy and fervent—of the deep blue sea, they stretch the rope to its length. At a signal they rush so as to catch the victim near the center of the cord and with incredible swiftness run around him in opposite directions, passing and repassing each other and winding the cursing sailor from neck to ankle. By the time they cease for lack of longer rope, his arms are bound tight to his sides, his legs are tight together, everything is tied down except his tongue. Jack was never so utterly helpless in his life.

Then the phlegmatic Japs with no trace of excitement, for with them it is merely business—taking one by the heels and the other by the head of the captive mariner, like a sack of grain, carry him to the wharf. Here the Japs get their $10 and go back to seek for more. The unhappy one is still all corded and bound in the bottom of the boat, and his things are not removed until he is laid safe on the deck of his own vessel. As many as a dozen of these pinioned recalcitrants may be seen in one merry boat load going to their ship.

An Old Letter.

Dark and stained is the paper
Stained as by many a tear;
Faded and dim is the writing
Traced in a time past year.
Yet oh! how vivid and vital
How bright with love's fervent fire
Are many page of the letter
We peruse with mingled ire.
As the sun ripened fruit of the vintage
Lives in the sparkling wine
So the soul of the vanished writer
Glows in each eloquent line.
His noble and kindly emotions,
His sentiments tender and true
Are here, like unseen flowers, whose fragrance
Tells that they bloomed once for you.
Thus sweet are the fond recollections
These faded leaflets impose
Sweet as the lingering perfume
That clings to a withering rose.
Yet sweet with a tender sadness
That tells of summer gone
Of joys that bloomed but to perish
Of hopes that withered to one.
Thus sacred to many departed
We read you o'er and o'er,
You are now like a flower of greeting
Pressed 'twixt the leaves of a story
Or like the angel of a dream
Over a sea of gloom.
This voice says—[illegible]
And I see beyond the tomb.

An Indian Brave's Joke.

The young women were alone one day in Yankton, when a young Indian began asking them where they were going to be married. The man was away and the Indian sat down to wait for him. During this interval the girls being of a lively turn, began asking him questions about his former mode of life, among other things they asked him to give a war-whoop and show them how he scalped people, but he gave no answer. Some time after, when they were talking of other subjects and had forgotten all about him, he sprang up suddenly, gave a war whoop that made the housetop ring, then snatching a big knife that lay on the table with one hand, he took the top-knot of one of the girls in the other and ran the back of the knife around her scalp. They were each scalped in this manner, and were nearly frightened out of their wits, but he sat down and began to laugh, and told them he had done what they had asked him to do. They soon recovered from the shock and laughed heartily at the Indian's joke.

Wanted a Simple Meal.

A dilapidated swell, who plainly had more dignity than money, entered Delmonico's dining room a few evenings ago, and after scanning the menu card given him by the pompous waiter, asked: "What is your cheapest dish?" "Codfish and cream; forty cents, sir," said the waiter. "How much without the cream?" queried the hungry swell. "Same price," answered the waiter. "Well, bring me the cream," ordered the stranger, with a satisfied air.—New York Journal.

A Disappointing Inventory.

Doodle—Did you not hear what I said, Miss Mabel? I said that I loved you; loved you with all my soul, my mind, my every thought.

Miss Mabel—Yes, I know; but that all seems so little.

SNOW, HAIL AND STEAM.

SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR MANY PECULIARITIES.

Snow and Hail Are the Self-same Thing with Slight Variation in Formation—Steam Is Nothing More nor Less than Simply Likewise.

Falling snow in this latitude, says the Philadelphia Times, seems as light as the down from a duck's breast. As they see it in some countries, however, it is not so light nor so harmless in its descent. Snow and hail are the same thing, with the exception that the former is made slowly and the latter quickly. Vapor slowly acted upon by a current of cold air produces snow, while an extremely cold current suddenly introduced into a heavy mass of vapor produces hail. In some countries it is very common for these extremes of heat and cold to come together in the atmosphere, and the result is hailstorms that are sometimes very destructive.

In India the falling hailstones are seldom smaller than walnuts, and sometimes they are as large as pumpkins. But what would you think of a hailstone as large as a cooking-stove? There is an account of one well vouched for, that fell in Hungary on May 5, 1802, measuring three feet in length and nearly two feet thick. A block of hail fell in England, in 1849, which a local newspaper described as of irregular shape and nearly twenty feet in circumference.

Of course all exceptionally large hailstones are simply aggregations of smaller ones that happen to come together in their descent and freeze into one mass while passing through a stratum of very cold air.

But if you want to learn how utterly weak the efforts of the poets are in their descriptions of the beautiful snow just use a microscope to view a snowflake. It is made up of many hollerns, all symmetrical and incomparably beautiful. There are perfect six-pointed stars and plates of many exquisite forms studded with needle-shaped crystals. Then there are prismatic forms emitting delicate rays composing all the colors of the rainbow.

The halos that we sometimes see round the sun and the moon, with the faint blending of prismatic colors, are caused by the light falling on strata of either vapor or snow particles at high altitudes. The best authorities seem to think that these strata are necessarily snow, because they are certainly above the level at which the temperature would naturally convert vapor into snow.

Did you ever see steam? Almost anybody that has seen a locomotive, or even a teakettle, would probably characterize the question as absurd. Nevertheless you can't see steam. The white substance that you see near the spout of a teakettle for instance, is exactly the same substance that was first put into the kettle—water. What is commonly thought to be escaping steam is simply a mass of little globules condensed from steam by the air into which the steam escapes. Steam is as transparent as air. It is really a gas evolved from water. A cube inch of water expands to vast proportions when converted into gas or steam, as we usually call it, and this expansion makes the power that drives the locomotive and which would burst the tea kettle if it were not for the open spout and the safety valve.

Here is something about steam that possibly you don't know. It doesn't need a heat-making substance to generate steam. Snow, ice and water give off water at every temperature. Steam used for propelling locomotives, for example, is generated rapidly by the combustion of coal or wood and the quick expansion produces the power. Steam naturally escaping from ice or water at a temperature of say sixty degrees is precisely the same as that which coal or wood heats up to the boiling point.

Of course you know that water begins to freeze at thirty-two degrees above zero, but do you know that ice will form naturally, under certain conditions, at a temperature of forty-five degrees above zero? In parts of India, where freezing temperature is rarely experienced, the natives secure ice in this way. On layers of straw they place shallow, porous, earthen pots, which they fill with water early in the afternoon. These porous pots reduce the temperature of the water by absorption before night. The freezing point is then reached by radiation, which intensifies the cold, bringing the temperature to thirty-two degrees or lower.

In this way ice is secured in large quantities in thicknesses more than an inch and then these layers are frozen into blocks by water poured over them. Thus we see that the poor heathen of India, of whom we hear so much, know a thing or two that even some of us highly enlightened people never dreamed of.

A Lawyer's Story.

The following story was told by one of Chicago's prominent lawyers. No other proof of its truthfulness could be desired: "It was when I used to practice law in a little town near the center of the state," said he. "A farmer had one of his neighbors arrested for stealing ducks, and I was employed by the accused to endeavor to convince the court that such was not the case. The plaintiff was positive his neighbor was guilty of the offense charged against him, because he had seen the duck in defendant's yard. 'How do you know they are your ducks?' I asked. 'O, I should know my own ducks anywhere,' replied the farmer, and he went into a detailed description of the different peculiarities whereby he readily distinguishes them from others. 'Why,' said I, 'those ducks can't be such a rare breed; I have some just like them in my own yard.' 'That's not at all unlikely,' replied the farmer, 'for they are not the only ducks I have had stolen lately.' Then I called the next witness."

Soon Become Americanized.

Clubs composed of foreigners exist in all the big cities of the world. They are nearly all prosperous, except in the city of New York. English clubs which have been founded there from time to time have failed, and the Canadian club found it necessary to throw off its restrictions on membership and admit other persons than Canadians before it became successful. The French societies in New York have a very liberal percentage of American members, and the German clubs are all rapidly becoming American institutions. In London there are two clubs which are exclusively American in membership and management, and there are good English clubs in Berlin and Vienna.

A BAD COMBINE.

It Is the School-Book Trust, Known as the "Big Four."

The latest combine reported is between publishing houses for the purpose of controlling the price of school books. For a number of years past there have been efforts made in this direction, but until recently no definite understanding or agreement has been consummated. It is now understood that the three largest concerns in the country have joined together and propose to dictate the educational status of the rising generation. This monopoly reaches much further than a casual glance discloses. It not only makes the price, but absolutely dictates the quality. It is intended not only to rob the purchaser, but to beggar the author. When competition was in order, every new device or improvement in educational work was eagerly accepted. Teachers and scholars alike shared in the benefits. With the combine this is changed. The cheapest is as good as the best. Superiority of matter and manufacture will give way to a disregard for either, which, in the end, will be highly injurious to the educational system of this country. This monopoly will no doubt enrich those engaged in operating it, but it will be at the expense of the material educational advancement of the people. This form of trust appeals directly to the moral sentiment of every citizen, and the outcome will show how honest and deep-rooted that sentiment is. The time has evidently come when a vigorous protest is demanded against a condition that permits such entire disregard of all the rights of every branch of society in its efforts to gather profits. In the near future it is possible that the march of science, art and literature may find its further progress checked by the greed of some such monopoly or combine. If the friends of civilization do not at once begin war upon this attempt to curtail intelligence, then the fact will be established that nearly all human desire is swallowed up in the blind struggle for pelf.—National Citizens Alliance.

Must Be a Candidate.

Senator Vance, of North Carolina, unquestionably the champion story-teller of the senate, writes a New York Tribune correspondent, has a broad stripe of Calvinism down his back, though he is not a communicant in the church. It is told of him that riding along in Buncombe county one day he overtook a venerable darkey, with whom he thought to have a little fun.

"Uncle," said the governor, "are you going to church?"

"No, sah, not exactly—I'm gwine back from church.

"You're a Baptist, I reckon, now, ain't you?"

"No, sah, I ain't no Baptist, do most of the brederen and sisters about bow has been under de water."

"Methodist, then?"

"No, sah, I ain't no Melodis, nudder."

"Campbellite?"

"No, sah, I can't arrogate to myself de Campellite way of thinkin'."

"Well, what in the name of goodness are you then?" rejoined the governor, remembering the narrow range in choice in religions among North Carolina negroes.

"Well, de fac' is, sah, my old marster was a Herald of the Cross in the Presbyterian church, and I was fotch up in dat faith."

"What! You don't mean it? Why, that is my church."

The negro making no comment on this announcement, Governor Vance went at him again.

"And do you believe in all of the Presbyterian creed?"

"Yes, sah, dat I does."

"Do you believe in the doctrine of predestination?"

"I don't know dat I recognize de name, sah."

"Why, do you believe that if a man is elected to be saved he will be saved, and that if he is elected to be damned he will be damned?"

"Oh yes, boss, I believe dat. It's gospel talk, dat is."

"Well, now, take my case. Do you believe that I am elected to be saved?"

The old man struggled for a moment with his desire to be respectful and polite, and then shook his head dubiously.

"Come, now, answer my question," pressed the governor. "What do you say?"

"Well—I tell you what 'tis, Marse Zeb: Ise been libin' in dis hyah world nigh on sixty years, and I neber yit hyard of any man beln' 'lected 'doubt he was a candidate."

Another Young George Washington.

The bottle of glycerine and whisky, kept in a Chicago house solely for the cure of colds, has been found empty. When last seen it had contained enough for two or three doses. A search was made for the culprit who emptied it.

While the inquiries were in progress Willie sat in one corner of the room reading a newspaper. It came his turn at last.

"Willie," said his mother, "did you drink this?"

No answer. He was too deeply interested in the newspaper.

"Willie," repeated his mother, "did you drink this?"

"Drink what?" he answered, looking up abstractedly.

"The mixture that was in this bottle."

"What was it?"

"Glycerine and whisky. You know what it was. Did you drink it?"

"Yes mamma," he said fearlessly. "I drank it. "I'd rather drink a whole bottle of whisky than tell a lie about it."

Harsh Injustice.

Housekeeper (sharply): "Well, what do you want? The idea of an able-bodied man like you going around begging." Tramp (from Boston): "You do me injustice, mum. I'm no beggin', mum, but bein' as I'm temporarily unable to realize on me assets I'm endeavorin' ter negotiate a loan, mum."

FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

SOME ERRORS OF THOSE WHO KEEP POULTRY.

An Argument in Favor of Raising Regular Crops of Potatoes—Something New About Oats—Interesting Items for Beekeepers—Household Hints, Etc.

Errors in Keeping Poultry.

Although there are many widely different breeds of fowls, adapted more or less to the varied wants of the farmer, there are some general rules for their management which are applicable everywhere. One serious error is the common custom of keeping hens until they become too old for profit, because they were choice birds and good layers when young. A hen of any breed will lay only about half as many eggs the second year after she commences laying. All fowls kept by a farmer after they are 2 years old are kept at a loss so far as the money is concerned. When a whole flock is allowed to run without killing off the old ones and replacing them by pullets, disease is sure to attack them. If the plan of keeping only pullets is once followed I am sure that no farmer will ever abandon it. Another bad practice is that of allowing cowls to become wild, so that they are afraid of any one and hide away their nests and the few chickens they hatch lose their lives for want of food. To be sure, chickens hatched late in the summer and brought up in the fields by a wild mother are hardy, but this practice is not profitable as the cost of wintering exceeds the summer returns. As a general rule, however, summer chickens are more profitable than the very early ones, as they get a more varied diet, better exercise and are healthier in every way. But fowls to be profitable must be kept tame. If, however, the chickens are to be grown for sale, for breeding or for show purposes, it is necessary that the chickens should be hatched as early in the season as possible, so that they may attain full growth and fecundity by fall.—Am. Agriculturist.

Potato Growing Profitable.

There is probably no farm crop in which inexperienced farmers suffer greater disappointments than in potatoes. They read in the papers of large yields, and observing that the market price is high, a great many rush into the business, and of course overdo it. This is cause number one. Potato culture in these times requires a great fund of practical experience. It also requires the man who begins it to be prompt with every demand, whether it be in cultivation, in bug poisoning, and in late years in spraying the vines to prevent mildew and blight, which are the usual causes of rotting of the crop. It is no wonder with so many things to attend to that some are neglected. Hence potatoes are commonly deemed a precarious crop. Accidents of season excepted, they need not be. We believe it possible every year to grow potato crops that will pay larger profit than any grain crop, provided the proper conditions are fulfilled.

In the first place the farmer who would grow potatoes extensively must be near a market by which we mean a good shipping station where there is enough competition to insure fair prices. Farmers who are within three or four miles of freight cars can draw two and sometimes three loads per day. When the distance is so far that only one load per day can be drawn, it adds heavily to the expense of marketing, and requires a high price to make the crop pay. This high price cannot always be depended on. Every few years the potato market is liable to be glutted, and only those who keep expenses down so as to be able to market cheaply can come out without loss.—Am. Cultivator.

Buckwheat for Stock.

An inquirer asks if buckwheat is good for stock. That depends. For the feathered stock most emphatically yes. For cattle and hogs not always, rarely for the latter. The hull of the buckwheat is not digestible, and hence is not fit for food. The bran or the buckwheat when run through the mill should have the hulls taken out. The hulls will cause piles in pigs. Hulls are valuable to use as absorbants in the manure pile, but not otherwise. The colored part of the grain, the yellow part next to the hull, is rich in nitrogen, and is excellent for making growth in animals. This cannaille will make plenty of milk, but it will be short in butter fat, and the fats will be soft and white. Buckwheat will make poor butter. It should be mixed with yellow corn meal—with some bran to make the food healthier, or to make the required waste material. The cannaille is a concentrated food—too much so, too, to be fed alone. The white part of the kernel is the starch, and this makes the white flour. Buckwheat cannaille is good food for all young animals if mixed half and half with bran—a little linseed meal added will improve the ration. For fattening a grown animal add corn meal.

Field Experiment With Oats, 1890.

The Illinois Experiment Station bulletin says: The largest yield of grain was produced from sowing two and one-half bushels of seed. A fairly compact seed-bed gave the best results. The time of sowing has had in these tests a more marked influence on the yield than any other condition. The earlier sowings, with one exception, the earliest, have uniformly given the best yields. The yield was not materially affected by the length, plumpness, or by the weight of the berry or the weight per bushel. Those varieties with long, slender berries and light weight per bushel contained appreciably the largest per cent kernel. In other words, those varieties which would have sold best on the market, or, what is less important, would have taken the premium at fairs, did not yield better than the other varieties and did not have so high a food value.

Agricultural Atoms.

Take care of the weeds. Those gathered in the screenings may be boiled for the pigs, which should be the only use made of them. Every weed seed should be taken care of if possible, and those that are brought from the neighbor's farm by the winds should be made the subject of a kindly expostulation.

A little oil is a constant requisite in the farm practice. On the machine it makes easy work and saves wear; on the wagons it avoids the horrible squeaking which chills the blood; it smoothes everything, and a little oil on one's manners and tongue will make things all over the farm and the dwelling go so smoothly as to make life worth living. Always have a little oil on hand ready for all uses.

It is never worth while to quarrel with a neighbor over the fence. If anything goes wrong, stray fowls in the garden, small pigs in the field, pigeons on the roof, cows out of any other small matter, it is far better to suffer it than be at enmity with a next neighbor. One neighborly service will give weigh a score of these little trifles, and no one knows when such a service may be invaluable to themselves.

Bee Notes.

By the color of the honey and the aroma therefrom, an experienced beekeeper can determine the source from whence it came. Thus it is very easy to tell buckwheat honey by its very dark color and by its strong and pungent odor. Honey dew honey has the same dark look but lacks the odor or aroma. In fact there was little or no reason no bee-keeper need be deceived as to the source of such extracted honey.

Scientists tell us that plants of flowers do not, as a general rule, secrete them as a store, or as a good but are developed as an exhalation. While the flower breathes it yields fragrance, but kill the flower and the fragrance ceases. It seems, then, that the odors are simply exhalations dependent upon external conditions and cannot, therefore, be considered as such, and we have yet to learn that these exhalations are visible, or leave the least stains; and while it is well known that they combine with various fatty matters they do not sensibly increase their weight or bulk. Thus, no matter how much our nice outer or linden honey may perfume our room in which it is placed, the quantity of honey is never materially less.

Hints to Dairymen.

Stop the expense of bad handling. You must handle a dairy cow not as she were a steer, but as a loving mother. You want to make money out of her motherhood; then handle her, shelter her, feed her and treat her generally as a mother should be handled, sheltered and treated. If you don't know how to treat your cow, ask your wife, if she knows how to be treated, ask your wife or your mother.

Stop this expensive summer dairying—keeping cows on expensive pasture and getting nothing for the milk—just because there are thousands of other men just like you who had rather milk a cow in summer and make nothing than to go into winter dairying and make a fair profit. Turn up all these cranky old notions about dairying and proceed to measure the business from the dollar standpoint, just as any other manufacturer does.

It costs just as much to support the carcass of a cow that is running you in debt as it does one that is giving you $50 a year profit. Not one farmer in a hundred ever tested his cows to know which were the ones that were feeding him "out of house and home." How is he to act if he don't know, and how is he to know if he does not put forth intelligent effort to know. There is scarcely a dairyman in the land who is not keeping two cows to do the work of one. Ask any of the progressive dairymen you know, and they will tell you that about their first step in cutting down useless expense was to get a better cow. Buy her breed her, get her anyway you choose, but be sure and get her.

Hints to Housekeepers.

Cold meals are generally found more easy of digestion than warm ones.

Set a dish of water in the oven with cakes when baking and they will seldom scorch.

Salt and water, quite strong and used persistently for a time will prevent the hair from falling out.

After cleaning brass, tin, etc., with paste, rub up with a duster, and finish with thin, dry paper. This polish will last a long time again.

Salt as a tooth-powder is better than almost any other dentifrice. It keeps the teeth very white, the gums hard and rosy, and the breath fresh.

For neuralgia, make a small muslin bag, fill it with salt, heat it very hot and lay it against the aching place. It will prove a great relief as salt retains the heat a long time.

All should know that the bee does not make honey, but simply gathers it from the flowers, when it obtains its sweets from sugar, it deposits sugar syrup in the cells, not honey, and no amount of manipulation by the bees can make it into anything else than sugar syrup.

Not only for its flavor, but for health's sake, a dish of apple sauce goes with roast pork; in addition may be served one or several of the following vegetables: Potatoes, white and sweet, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts or spinach, tomatoes, turnips, vegetables, oysters, boiled rice or hominy.

To mend china take a very thick solution of gum arabic and water, and stir into it plaster of Paris until the mixture becomes a viscous paste. Apply it with a brush to the fractured edges and stick them together. In three days the article cannot be broken in the same place. The whiteness of this cement renders it doubly valuable.

Build a silo, so that your milk feed shall cost you less. Build it sufficiently large so you can have ensilage enough to feed in summer and fall when the pasturage dries up. That will keep your cows up to their best flow, so you can have milk to do business with in late fall and winter, when prices of butter are higher. That's good economy.

In every case of injury, in cuts, stabs and gunshot wounds, in contusions, sprains, dislocations and fractures, in burns, frostbites and frozen members, the first measure to be adopted is the application of cold in the form of ice, snow or cold water. These substances are best applied in an animal bladder or a rubber bag. When towels wet in cold water are used, they require to be renewed every minute. For, unless frequently changed, they really act as poultices to the part inviting what we wish to prevent. Cold not only staunches any bleeding which may occur, unless the hemorrhage is altogether too severe, but it also moderates the ensuing inflammation.

THE ALLIANCE.

CONTEMPORANEOUS NOTES.

The Industrial Educator, Fort Worth, Tex., says: Contrast the Alliance principles as we have them from the Ocala conference with the average old party platform. It reminds one of a clear, bright sunrise in contrast with a dark, foggy morning.

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Farmers' Voice: All intelligent men know, that the influence of rich corporations, and millionaire aggregations, is all powerful in the selection of judges, administrative officials and legislators. At the present time it is practically impossible for any man to be either appointed or elected to office, who is known to be hostile to monopolistic money power.

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Farmers' Voice: Law is said to be based on common sense, and should not be above the comprehension of men of average intelligence and ordinary schooling. This should be emphatically true in the case of the legal system of a democracy, for when a veil of Egyptian mystery is thrown around the laws of a free country, the liberties of its people are in danger. When a small caste of attorneys are created into a sacred priesthood of the law, and by common consent are held to be its only authorized interpreters to the vulgar herd then you may get ready to bid a long farewell to popular freedom and prosperity.

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Tennessee Farmer: The farmers organizations of the country have brought the politicians to realize the fact that the farmer may and will probably be an important factor in the outcome of the office seeking fraternity, and it would be amusing if it were not ridiculous to note with what zeal these aspiring statesmen pat the farmer on the back and declare their over-shadowing interest in him and his calling. The purpose and genius of the Farmer's Alliance is all right—if developed in its true spirit it is bound to produce a wonderful revolution. Its existence is a necessity and the scope of its work is as wide and patriotic as is the farming and commercial world.

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Midland Journal, Rising Sun, Md.: The silver and gre nback men are pushing the gold ring men in congress to the wall with argument. Facts have overthrown their ancient notions, that silver would drive gold out of the country. More money is needed to conduct the growing business of the country and the gold ring men are overpowered and the people are compelled to admit this fact, but they fight silver against the demands of the people and the good of common sense. The reason is plain. The men in power are a part and parcel of the speculating gold ring. They can buy more with their interest when prices are low and money scarce, than when business is brisk and prices advanced. When the representatives of the gold ring are turned out of congress and representatives of the people are placed in control, prosperity will return to the industrial class.

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Progressive Farmer, Mt. Vernon, Ind.: You cannot always tell who is a true reformer by the noise he makes. Candidates and office seekers are excellent bell. We have known reform candidates who after being elected, forgot all about reform. These were reformers for the loaves and fishes. We have also known men who, when they found, suddenly, saw there was not much in the movement anyway, the members would not stick, and the whole thing was being manipulated by certain persons for certain purposes, and the sooner the people get out of it the better. There are reformers who hoped to use the movement for personal profit, and failing in that, it had no further charm to them. But the man who, whether elected or defeated, is the same earnest advocate of reform, the same defender of right and justice, the same untiring worker for God and humanity, true to the very reformer, the same it is safe to be to.

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The Farmers' Vidette, Alexandria, La.: It is surprising that so large a number of the newspapers of our country entirely ignore the great civil revolution that is going on. There are millions of the voters of the country who are resolved that there shall be a change in the government policy, and it is the duty of those who are competent to do so, to direct the civil revolution into channels of safety, and that will bring blessings to the land instead of curses. The mattering thunders will not be hushed by ignoring them. The storm has gathered, and it is best to discharge the superabundant electrical fluid through means that will avert the cyclone. Silence will not suffice sophisters will not turn the course of events. The people are restless and determined. They can no longer be deceived by their old teachers. They have learned lessons they cannot forget in a generation. The men who think this uprising of the people is a morning fog that will be dispelled by the uprising sun are not in position to judge of its extent, power or intensity.

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Lake County Independent, Madison, S. D.: Whatever politicians or so-called statesmen may do in regard to the money question, economic thinkers, the ablest men of the time realize the danger of the present system and are groping for a solution. Of course, most of these are of the aristocratic training and mind, and have their aristocratic prejudices to overcome in granting any relief to the masses. The conflict between justice and prejudice in an intelligent man's mind is very clearly illustrated in the following from the address of Frances A. Walker, president of the American Economic Association, before that body recently. He is one of the ablest students of statistics and political economy in the United States: If, of an irredeemable and fluctuating currency, that alcohol of commerce, it may be truly said, "It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," with equal truth it may be added that strangulation and suffocation are words not too strong to express the agony of the industrial body when embraced in the fast tightening folds of a contracting supply.

Farmers Create It.

Farmers create seven-eighths of the wealth of the country, pay seven-eighths of the taxes, directly and indirectly, and still they are in debt to money lenders more than they can ever pay under the present system. The wealth producer is the debtor, while the non-producer is the creditor. The government loans to the national banker $35,000,000 at 1 per cent, and those in turn loan it to the farmers at from 8 to 20. No wonder the farmer is in debt when the government has entered into a co-partnership with usurers to keep him in debt.—Industrial Age.

The coal man, in his way, should make a first-class light-weight pugilist.—Philadelphia Times.

THE FOSTERING CANKER.

The Dangerous Power of Money to Oppress Weak.

While every demand made by the Alliance is founded upon ultimate the necessity and correctness of one asking for an increase of among the people can be at demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of all candid thinking individuals statistics of the past quarter of a tury prove the following propositions beyond a question of doubt:

1. That the per capita volume currency has been constantly and terially lessened.

2. That bankruptcy and have rapidly multiplied in consequence.

3. That the national debt during period has increased instead of diminished.

It now remains for me to substantiate the above statements, says Dunning in the National Economist, which I will undertake to do as briefly and plainly as the facts and space will permit. The question of the amount currency in circulation is one that essarily involves a resort to certain timates, which should be fairly carefully considered. It has come, however, become a prime factor in partisan politics and financial legislation which subjects it to all the misstatements and false assumptions usually accompany a discussion financial propositions under such conditions. The ordinary reader is times led to mistake high-sounding phrases and uncommon words for argument, and as a result becomes befuddled in an opinion without being able to give the shadow of an intelligent reason therefor. This mistake is frequently made in even considering the assertions of government officials from which statistics as absolutely correct, but the exact reverse has been proven in many instances. If the farmer will apply the same kind of logic in considering the volume of currency that he does to his corn crib and pork barrel, approximately correct conclusions would be easily obtained. For instance, was desirable to know how much corn had been fed to the stock or consumed by the family; it would be hardly necessary to ascertain what remained in the crib or barrel, and assume that the difference had been used by the stock or family, especially when more or less had been loaned or sold to others. Just so with the government; it manufactures by fiat of law certain amounts of paper money, and when asked to give the amount which is circulating among the people, it subtracts the amount on hand from the quantity manufactured and declares the remainder to be in circulation. The plain fact is either overlooked or ignored that certain stringent laws are on the statute books which specifically demand that certain other portions of this currency shall be locked up and held as reserves, and consequently are not in any sense in circulation; that certain portions have been lost, destroyed or worn out of the country or used for manufacturing purposes. Herein lies exposed the cancer that has eaten out the vitals of national prosperity, and left to the people nothing but the shell of disappointment and discouragement. If the amount of money can increase so alarmingly in its power over the products of labor, what may not money loaned at usurious rates of interest bring about? Something must be done to check this gigantic evil. Something must be done to even up the conditions between the people who can command the use of money and those who cannot.

Out In Line.

A member of congress from Georgia said to a reporter at Washington a few days ago, when asked how the Alliance cranic party in Georgia stood: "The party is all right except that it has been hurt by the Alliance, but don't say that I said so." The Alliance can stand that, for it knows that when a man is likely to be discharged for a non-performance of duty he must blame the whole body. But is the Alliance, when its form and principles based on truth and justice, hurting any party? If it is, the Alliance is not to blame, but the party. Truth and justice are eternal and unchangeable. The safest thing for any party to do is to get in that line and it can't be hurt.—Georgia Alliance.

The Three Issues.

Land, transportation and finance are the three living issues of the day. Aliens should not and must not be allowed to own our lands. Our country should flout over the domains of American citizens, not of foreign lords. The lines of transportation must submit to a complete and just government control, or the government must own them. The finances of the country must be run in the interest of the people, and not in the interest of banks and bondholders.—Alliance Farmer.

In Whose Grip.

Some one always has you by the throat, unless you have some one else in your grip. I wonder if that is the attitude the Almighty intended respectable creatures to take toward one another.—William Dean Howells, in Harper's Bazar.

Dreams of Deaf-Mutes.

An expert West Philadelphia physician, in talking of the dreams of the deaf and dumb, remarked: "In the leading institutions for the blind and deaf, I have made inquiry, and I never found an instance of a child born deaf, or of a child who had lost hearing before he was four years of age, dreaming of hearing. As the result of recent inquiries, I presume that following from the principal of the State institution of the blind and deaf at St. Augustine, Fla., I have made question the deaf children here as to whether they have ever dreamed of hearing, and the invariable answer was, 'No.' I have asked the question of upward of fifty deaf persons with the same result, except that one person interrogated had lost hearing after learning to talk. The cases mentioned are all grown persons, who had some education who understood the question fully, and are very positive that they had never dreamed of hearing more than a rumbling sound."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A Comforting Reflection.

Pat wanted a position under the government, and on being told that he must be prepared to pass a civil service examination, applied himself diligently to the necessary preparation. Some time later his ambition for public employment seemed to have deserted him. "What is the matter, Pat?" asked his former employer. "Couldn't you pass the examination?"

"I could that," he replied. "I answered every question on the paper. But," he added, his native wit coming to his rescue, "I guess they didn't know too much to be wantin' fools wushin' wimmin."—From Judge Magazine.